<u>EARRY GREENWOOD</u>

Diplomatic blow to Israel mission

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Hurd shunned by angry Palestinians

From Richard Owen in Jerusalem

DOUGLAS Hurd was that lacked "commitment to that Mr Hurd had said that yesterday shunned by concrete and effective action leading Palestinians for to set in motion a genuine allegedly saying he was "absolutely opposed to a Palestinian state" as the Palestinian state" as the solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute. The foreign secretary said he Palestinian state" as the was misquoted.

Twenty-eight Palestin-ians cancelled a meeting with Mr Hurd and instead held an angry press conference denouncing British policy.

The rebuff was a further blow to Mr Hurd, who had angered Israeli leaders before he arrived in Jerusalem by condemning the killing of 21 Arabs at the Temple Mount.

The incident yesterday acentuated Western difficulties in the wake of the killings, in spite of Britain's successful efforts to achieve a compromise UN Security Council resolution. Diplomats said that had proved unsatisfactory to both Israel and the Araba, and there was confusion over Western "linkage" between the Palestinian question and Imag's invasion of Kuwait

The Palestinian leaders yes-terday said Britain had altered its stance on the Palestine Liberation Organisation and had engineered a resolution

D/SIDE () . Trainer held after doping

Dermot Browne, a Lantocem racehorse trainer, was being questioned last night by South Yorkshire police after the doping of two horses at the Doncaster St Leger meeting last month.

Browne was champion amateur National Hunt jockey in the early 1980s. Police who travelled to Lambourn yes-terday said that a man had been arrested Page 40

Petrol price war A petrol price war started in earnest last night as Shell cut its four-star by 8.6p a gallon and BP responded by adding 4.5p to a 4.1p cut made earlier

.... Page 2 Hospital penalty Money allocated for reducing Britain's 900,000-patient hospital waiting lists will be withdrawn from health authornies failing to reach present

Nuclear fund

Sir James Goldsmith, the multi-millionaire who stunned the City by giving up his business career to concentrate on environmental issues, is to fund a nationwide campaign against Britain's nuclear industry Page 4 Don't all rush, page 14

Lockerbie claim Two of the 259 passengers on the Pan Am jet blown up over Lockerbie could have survived the 31,000ft fall and might have lived with immediate expert attention, a professor of forensic science said... Page 7

Yeltsin attack

Committees and commissions of the Soviet parliament were silent last night on their response to President Gorbachev's moves to a market economy, but Boris Yeltsin leapt to the attack, apparently secking a place in the top leadership Page 13 Leading article, page 15

Power from sea

British mining engineers are working to harvest electricity using the temperature difference between the seas' warm surface and deep polar waters found in tropical and sub-tropical depths 1.000 metres Science, page 20

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"one jot or tittle". Anyone searching for middle ground was bound to be accused of bias by extremists on either side, he said. Attention must not be distracted from the main priority: the removal of President Saddam Hussein from Kuwait. That could then be followed by progress on the "unfinished business" of the

Palestinian question. Mr Hurd again urged Israel to find a way of accepting the UN secretary-general's mission to investigate the Temple Mount shootings. Israel objects to interference in its sovereignty and will publish its own findings next week.

Hard questions were being asked yesterday about why no one on the foreign secretary's staff or at the British embassy in Tel Aviv had alerted him to the fact that the first item on the Israeli television news on Tuesday evening was a report that Mr Hurd had expressed strong opposition to a future state of Palestine during private meetings with members of the Knesset. British officials did not issue a denial until 11 o'clock yesterday morning, by

which time Palestinians had

announced their boycott.

The official statement said: The British position is wellknown; it favours self-determination for the Palestinian people. Whether or not that leads to a Palestinian state is a matter for them and for negotiation. It is very regret-table that leading Palestinians should have taken this incorrect information and used it as a reason for calling off the talks." The Palestinians were missing the opportunity to put the views of their people to someone who has consistently

stressed the importance of their cause in discussions with the Israeli government." In a statement of their own. the Palestinian leaders praised Mr Hurd's "courageous and principled stance" in defending Palestinian human rights and self-determination, but accused Britain of backing away from recognition of the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people. They demanded an upgrading of the diplomatic status of the Pal-

estine mission in London. Mr Eliahu Ben-Elissar, chairman of the foreign affairs

Britain "did not support the Mr Hurd described this as conceivable that I would use a private meeting at the Knesset to announce a major change in British policy."

In the heated atmosphere after the Temple Mount shootings, the smallest remark is apt to be magnified. Mr Hurd rucfully acknowledged this by saying that he had realised during his short visit to what extent Jerusalem was "a cockpit of tense and conflicting emotions".

The Anglo-Israeli relation-ship has often been a bruising experience for visiting British ministers. Yesterday's debacle revived memories of the 1988 visit to Gaza by David Mellor, then a Foreign Office min-ister, when he raised Israeli hackles by upbraiding an army

Mr Hurd said he had refrained from repeating in pub-lic criticism of Israel he had voiced before arriving because he thought it better to make the same points to Israeli leaders "quietly, not in a shouting voice" and to listen to the Israeli replies in the He said he did not regard

the "shemozzle" at Tel Aviv

airport on his arrival, when

arrival statements were cancelled at the last moment, as a mark of Israeli displeasure. He honed that he had been able to put "the other side of the argument" to Israeli leaders in a manner which may eventually prove persuasive". Israel and Britain agreed fully that the priority was reversing Iraqi aggression, and Israel deserved praise for "wisely keeping a low profile" in the Gulf crisis. He said the PLO had made a "serious mistake" by supporting Iraq. but a lasting settlement would still require the reconciliation of Israeli and Palestinian nationalisms through Israeli

Palestinians". Arab leaders objected to this, saying it suggested Britain was supporting the Shamir government's concept of a non-PLO alternative leadership in the occupied territories. Mr Hurd said a Middle East settlement must include secure borders for Israel as well as the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

talks with "representative

Chastened Hurd, page 10 Diary, page 14 Leading article, page 15 committee, told Israel Radio

Shake-up of legal aid to end income trap

PEOPLE who cannot afford to but subject to paying a go to law but are too wealthy contribution towards the costs for legal and may be made of the case.

eligible for public funds to pursue their claims under the biggest shake-up of the legal aid scheme since it was set up 40 years ago. Officials at the Lord Chan-

cellor's Department are studying ways of extending the
scope of the legal aid scheme
to people who fall within the
so-called "middle income giving "last resort" legal aid
trap." For the first time, civil only for those disputes that
legal aid for some kinds of have to be settled by the claim, such as personal inju-ries, may be made available to everyone, regardless of means.

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs correspondent

However, it is likely to become harder to obtain aid for divorce, one of the biggest drains on the civil legal aid bill. New, more rigorous tests for granting legal aid in di-vorce proceedings may be Continued on page 26, col 4

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Downhill prospect: the Birkenhead shipyard facing closure if no buyer is found

Cammell Laird up

By RONALD FAUX

THE Cammell Laird shipbuilding yard at Birkenhead is to be put up for sale and closed if no buyer can be found, it was announced yesterday by VSEL, its owners. Immediate redundancies among the 2,100 workforce are expected after cutbacks in defence contracts.

The yard has a contract worth £200 million for three SSK submarines for the Royal Navy, which will be com-pleted in 1993. But Noel Davies, VSEL chief executive, said yesterday that the yard, where ships have been made since 1828, no longer had a feasible future in warship building "It is a sad day, but this offers the best possible prospect for the company and

its employees," he said. Cammell Laird became absidiary of VSEL in 1985. The warship specialists, based in Barrow-in-Furness, took over from British Ship Builders immediately before privatisation.
The announcement was greeted with sadness but little

surprise by unions at the yard.

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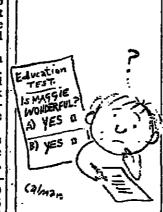
Thatcher orders new three Rs tests

By Nicholas Wood and David Tytler

changes should be made to the compulsory tests that are to be introduced for all seven-yearolds next May.

Margaret Thatcher is underchanges after reading proposals for the reading, writing and arithmetic tests. Final details will be announced within the next few days. Before the hour-long meet-

ing, government sources had said there was "some diffi-



THE Prime Minister told culty" over the "mechanics" John MacGregor, the edu- of testing. But when he

cation secretary, last night that emerged from 10 Downing Street yesterday, Mr Mac-Gregor indicated that these had been resolved. He said the meeting had been "amicable" and that he would make an stood to have sought the announcement after he had put together some final thoughts on advice from the

Schools Examinations and

Assessment Council. The meeting had been arranged after Mr MacGregor telephoned Mrs Thatcher at the end of last week's Conservative conference in Bournemouth. He was apparently concerned that she had supported education vouchers without his knowledge and

The resultant talks were described as "across the board" and included the vouchers question. They centred, however, on the national curriculum tests, which Mrs Thatcher said should be simtle but convincing. The education secretary has already streamlined the examination council's proposals after a Continued on page 26, col 6

Leading article and

Peeress at full throttle brings Lords to a halt

was not much involved.

of the Nature Conservancy

Council which is to be split

up into separate agencies.



faster than she began

By PETER MULLIGAN

PROCEEDINGS in the House of Lords came to a halt yesterday after the quickfire delivery of a statement by Lady Blatch, a junior environment minister, disturbed the afternoon calm

and confounded many peers. The normally sedate upper chamber adjourned for 25 minutes following complaints that its members had been put in a "totally impos-sible position". Observers of procedure believe that a similar adjournment has taken place only once or twice in the last 10 years.

Lady Blatch, aged 53, appointed earlier this year, began by telling the House that she wished to bring it up to date on events that had Peers protested that they could not assess her speech without a written copy in occurred over the summer.

front of them while Lord She then set out on a brisk Shackleton, son of the famreading of the script in front ous explorer, asked if she of her. Copies which later could read it more slowly. reached the press box showed Television monitors around the building bore the words "adjourned during pleasure" — normally a refit to be six pages of closelytyped script.

She had reached a little over half way and was erence to a meal break - but responding to concern about it was apparent that pleasure the reorganisation expressed in a letter to The Times by Sir The subject of her state-William Wilkinson, chairman of the Nature Conserment was the cost and staffing level of the reorganisation vancy Council, when the

interruption began. Peers were stung to protest at her declaration that three consultants' reports about the reorganisation - which they might have used in the debate - had been put in their library last week.

Lord McIntosh of Harin-

bench, commented on the complexity of her speech. While she had been personally extremely courteous, he said, it was "physically impossible" to react to her words in the absence of a

copy of her text.

Lady Blatch resumed her statement, missing out half a paragraph, and hurried on to the end, appearing to some to conclude faster than sne

Lord Shackleton, who speaks from the Labour benches, supported the demand by his front bench for an adjournment. Lord Denham, the leader of immediately

Auditors say 4m poll tax cases likely

charge. According to a commission report to be published next month, up to four million people face court action for not paying poli tax when the whole system is in danger of degenerating because of auge

computer software problems. The report contradicts the latest government figures. Michael Portillo, the local government minister, said yesterday that, despite a few teething problems, 85 per cent of chargepayers had already made contributions, and the non-payment campaign had failed. He told the Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation conference in Scarborough that some councillors had been actively discouraging payments, but all the indications pointed to the majority of the people in Britain liable for community charge now accepting that they had to pay.

The commission paints a picture of council officers nationally battling to keep up with a tight legislative timetable. Yet weaknesses in the system have resulted in local authorities not bothering to collect money from those eligible for rebates because of the cost involved and disincentives to maintain the poll-tax register, according to details from the report, revealed to-day in the local government

A DIRECT conflict was brew- magazine, Municipal Journal. ing last night between the However, the commission Audit Commission and the shows that technology shortenvironment department over falls are the main problem in the impact of the community England and Wales. The survey of more than 50 councils found that 70 per cent of them had not issued bills by the recommended date at the end of March, 75 per cent did not receive their billing software in time, and 30 per cent have failed to exchange information which could have helped

with teething problems.
"Software problems were the major cause of delayed billing ... late delivery meant that software could not be adequately tested. The quality of software was as much of a problem as its delivery." draft report says. One London changes in its poli-tax register and therefore unable to bill new chargepayers because its software is not yet working.

Researchers also found that. by the beginning of September, halfway through the financial year, six million chargepayers in England, one in six of those eligible to pay, had made no contribution. On previous experience under the rating system, one third pay up after a reminder, the report says, indicating that four to five million summonses are likely to be issued. Another third will probably settle at the summons stage, leaving three to four million liability orders likely to be made.

Student fees, page 7

Union forges new links at GCHO

growing embarrassment over the in-house staff federation, which replaced traditional civil service unions ejected from Government Commun-(GCHQ) in Chettenham.

to be dence, last certified as a fully indepen- grounds that GCHO's direcdent trade union, and it has formed strong links outside GCHQ, with the EETPU electricians. At the time of the GCHQ union ban in 1984, the prime minister insisted that the national activities of civil service unions had made a ban

Concern over the status of the staff federation has become so great that Sir Robin Butler, the cabinet secretary and head of the home civil issue with the Cab service, has met GCHQ and the Treasury.

THE government is facing management and federation leaders on the issue, within the

past month, in an unprecedented visit to the Cheltenham listening station. Matthew Wake, the governications Headquarters ment's Certification Officer, refused the staff federation a The GCHQ Staff Federa- full certificate of indepen-

> tor, in effect, had a veto on the federation's activities. But the federation is appealing against that decision through the Employment Appeals Tribunal, pointing to a rules change at its conference

> outside bodies. Leaders of civil service unions, anxious to return to GCHQ, may now raise the issue with the Cabinet Office

which now allows it, after a

referendum, to affiliate to

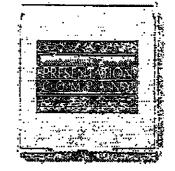
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Further rise in unemployment expected as firms feel pinch

By STAFF REPORTERS

TODAY'S unemployment figures are expected to show another increase. Economic forecasters exp.ct the present unemployment total of 1.654 million to rise by about another 25,000, giving the fifth straight month of increases since the figure started to rise in April.

Growing unemployment is an inevitable effect of the squeeze on demand of the government policy of high interest rates. The increase shows that the policy is working. It is also hurting, however, as companies, local job offices and unions throughout the country are showing.

Economic growth in the late Eighties has been strongest in the South-East. Employment has risen sharply there in manufacturing and services. It is also the region in which some effects of the squeeze are being felt the hardest.

The Thames Valley, strung out along the M4 corridor, and encompassing towns such as Bracknell, Slough, Newbest economic performers. Now, however, unemployment is steadily rising.

According to local economic surveys, output in the area is down for the first time in three years. Labour shortages have eased, and clerical and skilled manual jobs, previously vacant, can now be filled. Unemployment is up from 2.1 per cent to about 2.4 per cent in the last quarter and, although the rise is small, it is significant that it is happening at all in an area like the South-East.

Over in the Medway area, unemployment, at about 4 per cent, is higher, but it is rising at about the same pace. In areas such as Thanet, which traditionally have higher unemployment, the jobless total is already up to 7.7 per cent and rising. North of London, in Bedfordshire and

Milton Keynes, the position is more complicated. Many companies still have staff shortages and are having to pay high wages to try to ease them. But redundancies have also been rising and many

companies are trying to increase cost efficiency by cutting staff. In Norwich, unemployment is also

rising. During the next quarter, 21 per cent of manufacturing companies expect to reduce their workforces, up from an expectation of 11 per cent. There are, however, still shortages of skilled man-

In the service sector, the position is worse, although employment service managers believe that a number of proposed schemes will increase jobs, such as 600 from a £125 million new office and retail development.

Employers in the North-West admit to "difficult times", but avoid describing the down-turn as a recession. Perhaps the most potent symbol of unemployment pressure in the region is the appearance on Liverpool city council's agenda of redundancy schemes for its workforce to help to avoid a £19 million

The North West TUC described the

overall unemployment position in the region as "dreadful and deteriorating", with lay-offs and closures across the board, from breweries, engineering companies, the chemical industry and firms relying on defence-related contracts. "It is nearly as bad as the position in the mid-Eighties," a TUC official said. About the only growth was in tourism.

Manchester Chamber of Commerce and Industry reported that trading opportunities in the immediate future look less promising. The chamber's latest survey, covering 522 firms employing 100,000, showed that in the past three months, half had maintained workforce at the same level, 27 per cent had expanded and 21 per cent had con-

In the Midlands, the number of people unemployed in Coventry and Birmingham, where there is an emphasis on engineering, rose by 245 and 1,294 respectively between July and August. In Coventry, 6.3 per cent of the workforce ham rose to 7.3 per cent. The new statistics are expected to show another rise.

Tony Bradley, of Birmingham Chamber of Industry and Commerce, said: "Home and export orders are both down. It is not good, but it is not a disaster. Recession is not a word I like to use, but in jobs and falling orders, the signs are there that it is becoming increasingly difficult. There will be some casualties."

A survey of manufacturing prospects for the region showed the number of companies reporting that export orders were down rose from 23 per cent in June to 35 per cent last month. There were similar figures for the home market.

In Wales, government programmes have helped, but in Aherdare, in south Wales, the closure of old coal plants and mines is pushing men on to the job market. Adult male unemployment is now about 18 per cent. Some light electronics companies, which were supposed to supply replacement jobs, are

STEPHEN MARKESON

The slowdown in the economy appears to be less marked in Scotland than in the United Kingdom as a whole. Unemployment has remained at slightly over 200,000 since spring, the May figure showed the biggest drop since the autumn of 1980 and increases during the following three months were small.

In Northern Ireland, the economy will be insulated to some extent by public sector expenditure that accounts for about two-thirds of gross domestic product in the province and by the huze annual subsidy paid from the government. However, Dr Graham Gudgin, director of the independent Northern Ireland Economic Research Centre. estimates that over the next year the pnemployment rate will rise from 13.5 per cent to just over 14 per cent. This still makes Northern Ireland by far the worst UK region in terms of unemployment. despite the fall in the past three years from about 18 per cent.

Labour in attack on training cuts

By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Labour party said yes-terday that a leaked government document clearly indicated the damage being done to the employment department's training programme by

cuts in funding. The attack came as it became clear at Westminster that Michael Howard, the employment secretary, had settled his department's funding for training in talks with Norman Lamont, chief secretary to the Treasury, avoiding the star chamber process of settling this year's public spending round

An internal employment department document from the London operational office of the Training Agency said there were already "sizeable waiting lists" for places on the Youth Training Scheme, and that "the reduction in funds has resulted in some employers being reluctant to take on special needs trainees".

It said that some work placement shortages were being reported and that further budget cuts would mean the loss of more training providers.

Although it was too early to say whether the quality of government training had been affected by budget cuts, training providers were cutting corners in the training offered.

The document, a memo to Ian Randall, who is responsible for further education in the Training Agency, is a local one, but Labour said that it painted a general picture.

Tony Blair, shadow employment secretary, said: This memo contirms all have claimed about the devastating damage done to training by the cuts already implemented and the absolute necessity of preventing any

further cuts next year." The employment depart-ment confirmed that the document was genuine, but said that the government was totally committed to its guarantee of a training place for every 16 to 18-year-old school leaver who could not find a job, and for other priority

The department would not disclose how much extra Mr Howard had obtained, but said it was convinced there would be resources for future

training.

Action Trust, part of the Campaign for Work pressure group, releases evidence today of training underfunding, and says that the employment department needs an extra £250 million this year to fund training properly.

Calls for pay rises above inflation are 'destructive'

By TIM JONES, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

UNION leaders calling for above inflation pay rises were described yesterday as "reckless and destructive" and were told that 230,000 jobs could be lost for every pay rise of 1 per cent more than prices. Michael Howard, employ-

ment secretary, delivering one of the government's strongest attacks yet on the wave of high pay claims, also blamed employers for not resisting large wage demands. His warning was dismissed, however, by union leaders who said their members could not be expected to suffer the consequences of government mismanagement of the economy.

Norman Willis, general sec-retary of the TUC, said: 'Michael Howard may talk of reckless union leaders, yet it is the government's mishandling of the economy which has given us double digit inflation and rising unemployment. For them now to appeal for wage restraint is buck-passing on a massive scale. It is not a policy, it is panic."

Mr Howard, speaking in London, was reflecting growing government concern over high wage claims and settlements and their effect on unemployment, which official figures to be published today will show has risen for the sixth month in succession. He said that what could be a "golden decade" for Britain was in danger of being jeopardised by calls for pay increases that considerably

outpaced inflation.
"At this crucial time, such talk could scarcely be more reckless and destructive. The hard fact is that too many unions are more concerned about money than jobs," he said. "They prefer to fight for increases for employed workers now, rather than look to the future. They are far too often prepared to put jobs at

Some employers were equally short-sighted. "They sometimes prefer to concede large pay settlements which should be resisted."

He said that too many unions and employers still worshiped at the false shrine of the "going rate", a settlement level that had been

goal. "This phenomenon tends to ratchet up both the initial demands of unions and the figure at which employees are willing to settle. It takes no account whatsoever of the trading or competitive position of the firm in which they work, or, worse still, of what that firm might have to do in order to meet the claim."

Gavin Laird, general sec-retary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, said that unions would not take responsibility for a government economic policy which was in tatters. "We have just negotiated a 16.6 per cent rise for 1,600 of our workers. We would not have done that if a single job was at risk.

John Edmonds, general sec-retary of the GMB general union, said the minister had rejected a suggestion for a coordinated wage policy, designed to avoid leap-frogging claims, to be worked out as part of a national agenda. "We challenge him to come to the next meeting of the National Economic Development Council to put forward his

Mr Howard outlined the initiatives being taken by the government to improve skills training and said there was no point in creating and sustaining a Rolls-Royce training framework if, at the end, there were no jobs for trainees.

The North-South divide will widen as the government's efforts to stem inflation bite, with unemployment rising in the North, according to a report published today.

The report, by the Employment Institute, says that the long-term economic prospects for the nation will suffer if steps are not taken immediately to bridge the North-South divide. David Blackaby and Neil Manning of Univer-sity College, Swansea, the authors of the report, recommend more funds for Training and Enterpise Councils in the North, improvements in regional infrastructure and greater efforts to reduce regional concentrations of longterm unemployment. "Britain needs to enter the Single European Market as a conglomerate of successful regional economies as a divided reached by some and which two-tier British economy is was taken as a purely arbitrary unlikely to thrive after 1992."



An apple a day: John Gummer, the agriculture minister, at the launch yesterday of the main English apple and pear season, where he urged growers to take advantage of the 35 per cent government grants available for the next three years for the replanting of or-chards. Mr Gummer said the call made in a report by the British Medical Association on Tuesday for a new regulatory system governing the use of pesticides was not justified by the findings of the report alone. "I don't think there is any other country in the world where the rules are as carefully designed to protect the public, and where the testing of the safety of pesticides is as exact and careful," he said.

Paying for poor car security

car's poor security record through higher insurance premiums (Kevin Eason writes). The Association of British Insurers has produced plans to double the number of insurance group ratings cur-rently used for vehicles to penalise those cars with a bad

record of thefts and break-ins. Cars with high quality locks or alarm systems will be rated into lower insurance groups. But drivers with cars that have proved easy to break into will be rated higher, costing their owners more in annual

payments. The move comes as the industry faces record losses from car crime. Figures dis-

THOUSANDS of motorists closed to The Times yesterday ing to publish his table in could be forced to pay for their show that insurance industry April because manufacturers payments for losses on car have done little to promote crime are up by 23 per cent so vehicle security while a big far this year and will probably effort has gone into improving cost as much as £400 million speed and performance. by the end of the year.

Tony Baker, the associ- on its concern over the rapid ation's general insurance manager, said that the decision to extend the number of vehicle for a quarter of all recorded insurance groups from nine to crime, to Mr Waddington at 18 was to help focus attention the Home Office standing 18 was to help focus attention on the cars which have a bad are expected to reflect a league table of cars most vulnerable that is rising by 23 per cent a year than the alarm bells start.

The latest crime fig. security record. The groupings to crime being drawn up by year than the alarm bells start the Home Office and the ringing. The latest crime fig-Department of Transport for David Waddington, the Home and this move is part of the

Mr Waddington is threaten- is going on."

Shell's surprise 8.6p price cut sparks pump war By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT PETROL prices started to Shell's petrol prices have tumble last night as two of tumbled by 12.7p in less than

Britain's biggest oil companies a fortnight and promise to fall fired the first shots in what further from the peak of could be a war on filling alimost 240p when worries station forecourts. Shell cut over petrol supplies were at (49.9p) for four-star and 213.2p (46.9p) for unleaded in a move that took its competnors by surprise and sparked a round of furious activity to gain a price advantage.

BP, which earlier in the day had announced cuts of 4.1p.a gallon, reacted immediately by taking off another 4.5p to make a total reduction of 8.6p to match Shell. Jet, traditionally a company with an aggressive pricing policy, was also caught out. The company lowered prices on its 1,100 forecourts by 4p on Tuesday but was forced to cut by an extra 4p last night to keep its four-star slightly below that of Shell and BP, at about 224.6p. A Jet spokesman said: "We had to move quickly as the market is now changing rapidly. We do not want to be left behind as we aim to offer the best prices we can."

Esso and Texaco moved prices down by about 4p — not

chough to keep up with Shell's decision. Total, however, cut its prices by 9p a gallon.

The activity signalled the start of what could be a price war as the big companies jostle for the best price position, with further reductions expected over the next few days. Industry experts were predicting even greater cuts in often forces discounts.

The association has passed

increase of car thefts and break-ins, which now account

conference on crime preven

tion. Mr Baker said: "Theft is

ures are extremely worrying

effort to get to grips with what

Cranes bow to closure threat

have been encouraged to act by the weakening of bulk petrol prices on the Rotter-dam spot market. Prices have dropped from £236 a tonne on October 1 to £202 yesterday. Irish group

admits to killing THE Ulster Freedom Fighters

yesterday claimed respon-sibility for the death of a Roman Catholic shot dead on Tuesday night.

The group said it killed Dermot Anthony McGuin-ness, aged 41, who was shot from a passing car in north Belfast as he returned from an off licence. They claimed he was a member of the Irish People's Liberation Organisation. Mr McGuinness's family strenously denied the

• Two IRA men were carrying guns when the SAS shot them dead last week, a judge at the High Court in Belfast heard yesterday. The disclo-sure was the first official confirmation that Dessie Grew and Martin McCaughey were armed when they were

Young recalled

Lord Young of Graffham, the former trade and industry secretary, will be recalled by the Commons trade and industry committee next mouth to explain "the sweeteners" offered to British Aerospace in the takeover of Rover. Professor Roland Smith, BAe chairman, will also be asked to give more evidence.

Harrier crashes ing from a Nato low-flying caped with minor injuries

An RAF Harrier pilot returnexercise over Denmark esvesterday after his aircraft crashed near Froeslev in Juiland. He ejected 2,000ft above Limfjoden fjord. The jet struck a power line and crashed near a farm and bouses on Mors island.

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facing heart of shipbuilding SHIPBUILDING has dominated Birkenhead for more change" defence review. The the market." Frank Field, than a century. The cranes of the Cammell Laird yard arch peared to indicate that there agreed that outside warship against the skyline signalling the industry on which the would be no more orders for nuclear-powered boats, at town has grown. A long line of least for the foreseeable future. famous warships and mer-chant vessels has taken shape on Merseyside. Noel Davies, chief exec-utive of VSEL, said: "As a citizen I am delighted there should be a peace bonus, but it doesn't half make life difficult The news that the yard may close unless a buyer is found, was greeted with little surprise for the defence industry. The

yesterday. That heavy cuts in Gulf crisis may cause some defence spending would re-rethinking but I do not believe is important we get them back bound on a business that it will change things so far as up again," he said. bound on a business that it will change things so far as relied entirely on military Cammell Laird is concerned."

Orders had been half expected.

Management and workers Closure of the yard would be a disaster for Birkenhead and the Wirral area. Cammell Laird spends about £50 million a year, half of it on wages for the workforce of more than 2,000. A further 2,000 local

tract services for the yard. The workforce, many of Mr Davies said the change whom have shares in the to warships in 1985 with the VSEL consortium that owns the yard, had grown in arbitrary decision by British anticipation of more orders, Shipbuilders. Until the deanticipation of more orders, but these are unlikely to matcrialise now that the cold war has ended.

workers are engaged in con-

Management and workers were confident that the yard could switch from military to civilian contracts without any large-scale adaptation. The workforce had a reputation for completing contracts on time. Facilities were modernised in the 1970s specifically for merchant ship production.

VSEL take-over had been an fence review, the construction programme for the Royal Navy had been enough to keep In July Tom King, the all the warship yards busy, defence secretary, announced including Cammell Laird. defence secretary, announced including Cammell Laird, that the submarine fleet would "The new position gives warbe cut from 27 to 16 and a ship builders a number of future destroyer/frigate fleet disadvantages. For us to build would be reduced from the merchant vessels would mean present 48 to 40 under the having to use someone else's

building VSEL did not have the skills to ensure a long-term future for the yard. "I am not criticising Vickers. Without them the

yard might have closed years

Ken Morris, convener of shop stewards, said "Heads are down at the moment but it

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Penalty for failure to stem rise in waiting lists

have to forfeit money allocated for reducing waiting lists if they fail to reach preset targets, the health service. management executive said

The move underlines the government's determination to cut waiting lists which are now at an all-time high with 960,000 patients needing hospital admission. Of these, 200,000 have been waiting more than a year and 80,000

for more than two years.

Michael Malone-Lee, director of operations on the National Health Service management executive, said that the government was not getting a good enough return for the money spent on its waiting list initiative. Speaking at a conference held by the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts, Mr Malone-Lee said that last year the government had earmarked £31 million to reduce lists but the number of people waiting for hospital admission in England rose by 5 per cent.

A £5 million project to tackle the 43 longest lists in 22 districts, headed by John Yates from the Health Management Centre in Birming-ham had, however, halved the number of people waiting for more than a year. The remaining £26 million achieved only a 13.6 per cent reduction in long waiting lists in the dis-

"If there is money to be allocated to regions next year, which I am sure there will be, we must have a much better return for the money," Mr Malone-Lee said Last year, he said, Mersey region had reduced the number of people waiting for treatment for more than a year by 40 per cent.

"We know it can be done."

Duncan Nichol, the NHS
chief executive, has already told managers that he expects all regions to set targets to achieve substantial reductions in waiting times. By the end of next year nobody should be waiting more than two years for treatment, he said. He has also made clear that managers will risk losing performancerelated pay if they failed to

Yesterday, however, Mr Malone-Lee went further by who did not reach these targets should give back any money they had received from

Policeman cleared of sex assault

A POLICE constable was cleared yesterday of in-decently assaulting a woman colleague while on night patrol. A jury at Shrewsbury crown

court took less than an hour to find Richard Gurgil not guilty of indecently assaulting Karen Clowes, a constable aged 21, and of assault causing her actual bodily harm. Miss Clowes had told the court that Mr Gurgil, who was stationed at Newcastle-under-Lyme, pulled her to the ground and kissed and fondled her after they had been called to round up some escaped cows.

Mr Gurgil, aged 26, of Miles End, Audley, Staffordshire, denied the allegations. He has been suspended since September and is now expected to have talks with senior officers about his future.

HEALTH authorities will the waiting list fund. "If they don't achieve the targets they cannot expect to keep the

money," he said. Earlier the College of Health announced that the government had agreed to fund a £78,000 study to set up a computerised waiting list clearing house. The college would provide a database of waiting lists in every district, to which GPs, district health authorities and community health councils would have

Marianne Rigge, the college's director, said that al though the database would be restricted initially to the information supplied by the health department, this would be supplemented, where possible, with details about in dividual hospitals. "We will be able to say to GPs that within your region there are three bospitals where the waiting lists are shorter than the ones you use, and these are their telephone numbers."

Mr Malone-Lee said he supported any move to provide information about hospital lists and suggested this could be extended to details about consultants' lists. Three regions, Mersey, Northern and Wessex, already collect information about the length of list of each consultant in

Miss Rigge gave a number of case histories concerning patients who should and could have been treated earlier if they had had access to waiting list information. In one case an elderly woman who had waited for two years for a hip replacement was told by her GP that it might take another two years for an operation, because the hospital had a points system and she only had 11 of the 15 points she needed for an operation.



Playing away: children kicking a football in the terraced streets of Arkwright Town after being told that they are soon likely to be on the move

Pit villagers bemused by plan to transplant community

By CRAIG SETON

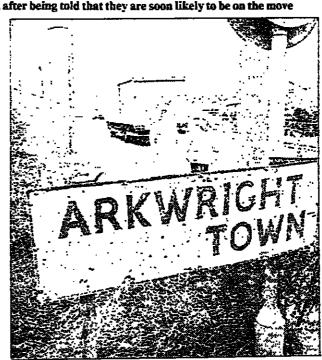
A NOVEL solution was unveiled yesterday for the villagers of Arkwright Town, whose terraced homes have been blighted by leaking methane gas from the colliery that once gave them their livelihood.

They are being asked to agree to their community being bulldozed and rebuilt a quarter of a mile away, complete with public house, school and fish and chip shop. The £15 million scheme to relocate the north Derbyshire pit village has been proposed by British Coal, which in return wants permission to develop a large open cast coal mine in the area around the former Arkwright colliery. Profits from the mining would pay for the new village.

The 400 villagers gathered in a marquee on the recreation ground to hear the invitation to swap their red-bricked terraces for new semi-detached homes, worth twice as much, in a new village on the other side of the main Chesterfield Road. They seemed amazed, bemused and slightly suspicious, but generally welcomed the scheme to move away from the problem of methane gas that has

The plan to build a new Arkwright, 60 years after the community was created, comes after the closure of the village colliery in 1988. Six months later methane gas began seeping dangerously into houses and a third of the 170 homes were evacuated for up to 15 days. Since then methane drainage pumps have controlled the seepage and meters have been installed to monitor levels, but residents sought a permanent solution.

The new village is almost certain to go ahead. More than 90 per cent of viliagers are said to welcome it and North East Derbyshire district council, which has hitherto opposed open cast mining, described it as exciting and ingenious.



Runcie to undergo voice operation

By RUTH GLEDHILL

DR ROBERT Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, is to undergo surgery on Saturday to remove a nodule

from his vocal chords. The operation, to be performed by Robert McNab Jones, a consultant, at Fitzroy Nuffield hospital, west London, will be carried out under anaesthetic. He is unlikely to be kept in overnight.

The archbishop's condition is common in people who have to project their voice frequently: Elton John, the singer, and Sean Connery, the operations. Dr Runcie, aged 69, first experienced difficulties with his voice at the beginning of September. Paul Handley, his press secretary, said that the archbishop suffered after his 50-minute speech to the Headmasters' Conference in Aberdeen last month, and had to cancel some engagements during his recent ten day trip to the far voice] too much one day, he is almost inaudible the next."

Dr Runcie, whose voice is now little more than a whisper and occasionally emerges as a growl, intends to fulfil his commitment to speak at a service at Canterbury cathedral tomorrow to celebrate the silver jubilee of Kent university. A microphone will be provided.

He will rest for two weeks after the operation. Among his cancelled engagements are the Victoria Cross and George Cross service at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, a state banquet for the president of ltaly and a final visit as archbishop to his Liverpool birthplace.

Nodules normally develop n a public performer who has to project his or her voice. They start as bruises on the vocal chords and develop into fibrous tissue, normally because the person performs when feeling under par. If the voice is rested sufficiently, they will disappear of their

Woman 'a human rope' in tug-of-war

The incident happened when police stopped a convoy been a heated exchange beof vehicles going to Stonehenge for a summer solstice convoy and police. festival in 1985 and started Then a vehicle making arrests, Lord Cardigan said in evidence at the High Court in Winchester, where 26 people are sning the chief constable of Wiltshire for assault, false imprisonment and damage to property.

One officer, who had smashed a side window in the former ambulance, reached in and grabbed one of two screaming women by the hair "and was hauling very hard", trying to pull her through the broken window, Lord Cardigan, heir to the Marquess of Ailesbury, said.

"There was a most unfortu-nate tug-of-war," he said. Another officer, who had got in the back of the vehicle, had hold of the same person and "the officer on the outside, pulling her hair, was unaware of that". The girl had been pulled back and forth by her hair until the officer outside had realised what was happen-

ing and released his grip.

Lord Cardigan, who accom-

Vicar wins £4,000 damages

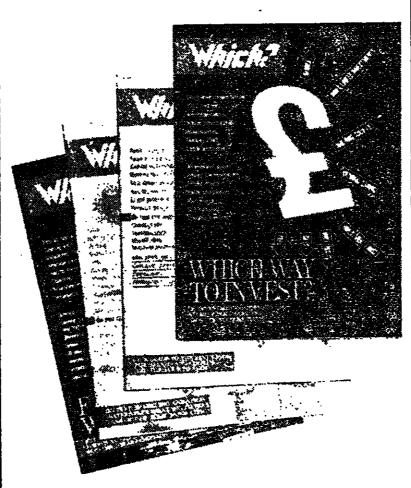
A WOMAN became the "hu- motor-cycle after it stopped man rope" in a tug-of-war on land near his home at between two policemen who were trying to pull her out of a former ambulance in opposite the A303 in Witshire by two saying that health authorities directions, Lord Cardigan told police vans. It had been clear far and no further". There had tween some members of the

Then a vehicle had come from the back of the convoy and driven through the hedge-row into a field. It had been followed by several other vehicles. Police manning the roadblock had been replaced by officers with helmets and drawn truncheons. They had gone down the line of vehicles banging on the sides and telling occupants to remove

ignition keys and get out. In some cases, there had been a delay between the police giving the instruction and taking action if the occupants did not respond. "In some other instances, owners were not given any time to respond and very unpleasant sanctions were taken," Lord Cardigan

Vehicles' windows had been smashed, sometimes simultaneously with the instruction to leave the vehicle. "That seemed unreasonable to me because they were not given the chance to comply," Lord Cardigan said. The hearing panied the convoy on his continues today.

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who conducted his own case, intransigent and criticising his said "I did not bring the action views on the "evil" of Father for the money and will offer a

being wrongly accused of indecently assaulting a 13-year-old boy won £4,000 damages from the police yesterday. A High Court jury ruled that

Essex police were wrong to detain Owen Leigh-Williams, the former vicar of St Andrew's church in Basildon, Essex, for almost two days in September 1986.

Mr Leigh-Williams, aged 57, who had his licence revoked by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1986, sued the chief constable of Essex for damages for the loss of his job and for mental stress and embarrassment. He said he was falsely imprisoned on two occasions, in October 1985 and September 1986, and blamed aggressive police questioning for the delay in clear-ing him. Charges of indecent assault and breach of the peace were later dropped.

The jury cleared the police of wrongfully arresting him. They also accepted that the police believed a breach of the peace might occur on the second occasion, but they made the award after finding he should not have been detained for 40 hours before

donation to the Christian Police Association. I am pleased with the outcome. The whole story has been sad from the beginning. I don't want to talk in terms of triumph."

The police must pay their own costs, estimated at The Rt Rev Charles Bond,

the Bishop of Bradwell, told of worries about Mr Leigh-Williams' ministry, particularly his trips with boys to his



giving

A CHURCH of England vicar the charge was dropped. Out- holiday caravan. The court who says he lost his job after side court Mr Leigh-Williams, heard a church report describ-Christmas and the sanctity of the Sabbath, including the conviction that Sunday marathon runners would go to Hell. The Bishop denied that the priest's arrest had led to the revocation of his licence.

Mr Leigh-Williams first met the 13-year-old boy in December 1983. The boy said he was not happy at home. The vicar called in the NSPCC and social services to deal with the situation.

In October 1985 Mr Leigh-Williams gave the boy lunch and took him swimming. The following day Mr Leigh-Williams was arrested for gross indecency. The charge was dropped when the boy admitted lying, but not before Mr Leigh-Williams had been held for four-and-a-half days and released on bail.

Later that year Mr Leigh-Williams claims he was lying in a field in Crays Hill, Essex, when he was arrested and detained for 40 hours before being charged with a breach of peace. This charge was

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Wackay supports tougher divorce laws for children's sake

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

rate without considering the needs of their children.

instead of the present system of "quick and easy" more considered process in which couples have time to think about the children and reform. future, he said. At the moment, the parents of 150,000 children a year split up.

in a speech to the annual general meeting of the Nat-

LORD Mackay of Clashfern, Mackay also criticised divorce for a one-year period of take up entrenched positions divorce, there should be a His speech comes just weeks before the Law Commission's

Lord Mackay made it clear that he favours one of the commission's main proposals, which is that divorce should be a process carried out "over ional Family Conciliation time", rather than the other

Move to restrict use of jail terms

CROWN court judges will be reed to extend the criteria to a required to state their reasons range of indictable-only offor jailing offenders guilty of fences, such as robbery. The some of the most serious criteria will apply where the future. crimes under a significant offender is under 21, which At crimes under a significant change to be made in the forthcoming criminal justice

The change will reduce the number of prison sentences in favour of community-based penalties, even for those who have committed offences as serious as robbery.

Under the bill, expected this autumn, judges and mag-istrates will be required to four offenders in England and comply with new, statutory criteria that will restrict the only offences receives a noncircumstances in which they can impose jail sentences. They will only be able to jail an offender when it is necessary to protect the public from serious harm.

The original aim, as outlined in the Home Office white paper Crime, Justice entering jail to help to reduce and Protecting the Public, was the sometimes dangerous that these criteria should anxieties that can afflict inapply to offences triable by mates (Quentin Cowdry magistrates only, and to those writes). From next summer, triable either by magistrates or the crown court. The most serious offences, which are triable only by indictment in the crown court, such as murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery, and certain cases of were specifically

It is now understood that enjoy much credibility with after representations from bodies such as the National Association for the Care and by the Home Office and the Resettlement of Offenders Prison Reform Trust, will be (NACRO). officials have ag- more successful.

the Lord Chancellor, has as a "knee-jerk reaction to a separation. Conciliation, in signalled his support for more problem", with no procedure which couples would have the rigorous divorce laws to make built into the process to chance to consider the future it harder for couples to sepa- promote understanding or of the children and make agreement. Instead, divorce arrangements in a non-hostile laws encouraged couples to atmosphere, would play a and to prepare to do battle. procedures. final proposals on divorce

Council in London, Lord principal proposal, which is

where the offender is an adult

Paul Cavadino, an official

with NACRO, welcomed the

decision yesterday but said

that the case for applying the new criteria to all custodial

At present only about one in

sentences remained strong.

important role in such new "What we want for the future is a process that does

not allow divorce to be easy, but makes it more rigorous by encouraging people to face the consequences and make arrangements for the future before they get divorced." Lord Mackay expressed con-cern that, under present trends, almost 40 per cent of marriages would end in divorce and one in four children under 16 would be affected by

He attacked present procedures, which he said might contribute to the difficulty in reaching agreement on the arrangements for children and other matters, and questioned the role of fault, or misbehaviour, in divorce. That encouraged couples to look to the past, instead of to the At present, Lord Mackay

was already intended, and also said, apportioning blame and giving it a label, such as adultery or unreasonable bewho has not previously served haviour might obstruct agreement or reconciliation. A decision by one partner to end a marriage should not plunge the family into war, in which the initiator received a hasty decree terminating the marriage. "Everyone becomes a loser in the subsequent battle.

Wales convicted of indictable-"We need to find a way which does not make divorce custodial sentence. In 1988. appear the instant, the only the total was 2,752 out of a solution, only to find that it total sentenced of 10,464. leaves much heartache and Under the change now agreed, dispute in its wake. What we the figure could rise want for the future is a process that does not allow divorce to Information packs are to be be easy, but makes it more issued to every prisoner on rigorous by encouraging people to face the consequence and make arrangements for the future before they get divorced," he said.

"Such a process might also

briefing packs containing improve the chances of saving information ranging from a marriage if, by looking at these consequences and conprisoners' rights and privileges to visiting hours will be sidering the future of the children, some people draw back from the decision to divorce." The Lord Chanhanded to every new inmate. The Home Office already produces prisoner informacellor said if a procedure tion booklets, but these are poorly circulated and do not allowed for counselling, conciliation and mediation in prisoners. Officials hope that an environment free from the new packs, written jointly pressure, it might promote more opportunities for couples to agree, he said. "Agreements are good for children."



Goldsmith funds anti-nuclear campaign

By Jamie Detimer and Peter Victor

multi-millionaire entrepreneur who yesterday stunned the City by announcing that he was giving up his business career to concentrate

on environmental issues, has agreed to fund a nationwide campaign against the nuclear industry in Britain.

The thrust of the campaign, which will be run by the Ecologist magazine and pressure group, is to persuade politicians and the public that nuclear power is not an acceptable way of overcoming the greenhouse effect. Sir

towards the initial costs of the campaign. According to Edward Goldsmith, his brother and a coeditor of the Ecologist, Sir James is also concerned about the use of chemical pesticides in farming and the destruction of the rain forests. "He is not going to waste his time on the

small issues," he said.

halt to his career as a buccaneering corporate raider He has been moving that way only a year after he was at the forefront of a £13.5 billion takeover bid for BAT, the James, aged 57, has already tobacco, retail and insurance given the magazine, which he group, surprised many busi- active business management

to switch wholeheartedly to Bell, a press relations expert

for a long time." A confident of the entrepreneur said that Sir James

SIR James Goldsmith, the helped set up in 1969, £50,000 ness associates, who have shortly before the October questioned whether he will 1987 stock market crash. Sir stay away from the board- James sold several businesses room battles he has revelled in and a substantial amount of for 30 years. Those closer to shares a few weeks before him, however, say his Black Monday, and only recommitment to ecology is turned to the world of genuine and that his decision finance to take part last year in the takeover bid for BAT. "He green issues merely confirms a was tempted into the BAT bid long standing passion. Tim by Jacob Rothschild, who persuaded him that it would Sir James's decision to call a and friend of Sir James', said: be an historic deal if it came "It is not a new decision really. off. It was an aberration for Sir James who has now a deep

> financial world." Adam Faith, the enhad virtually withdrawn from trepreneur and former singer and actor, who has been

vein of pessimism about the

campaigning to save the black the kind of energy, dynamism and ability that he brought to his business dealings, then he could make a difference. His money will be less important than Sir James Goldsmith himself. The fact that a man of his calibre is working on green issue will make a tremendous

Sir James has contributed to environmental causes for many years. The running of his 16,000-acre Mexican estate on the Gulf of California has also been marked by his interest in ecology. Rare and endangered animals have been collected there and the land is farmed organically. Few outsiders have managed 4 to penetrate the estate, said to resemble the lair of a typical James Bond millionaire-villain, with electronic and human security arrangements.

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Patients died after drink of dish fluid

A health authority was yesterday fined £1,000 for breaching died after being given dish-

washing fluid to drink. Joseph Firth, aged 81, and Leslie Wharrier, aged 31, and Leslie Wharrier, aged 74, pat-ients at the High Royds men-tal hospital. Menston, near Leeds, suffered terrible burns to the mouth and throat after a nurse mistook a jug of dishwashing fluid for lemon juice, magistrates were told. The cleaner using the fluid had

received no training about it. Leeds Western Health Authority admitted inadequate training and was found guilty of failing promptly to tell the Health and Safety Executive of the accident.

Arson charge is dropped

A woman accused of arson at her former boy friend's home has had the charge dropped, it announced yesterday. Jane Salveson, aged 36, of West Kensington, London, had been charged after a fire at the Fulham home of Michael Stevens. The Crown Prosecution Service said that there was insufficient evidence.

Last year, Miss Salveson had a murder charge withdrawn after Mr Stevens's fiancée, Diana Maw, was shot in the head with a crossbow bolt.

Busman's award Derek Maynard, of Kingstonupon-Thames, Surrey, who has had a phobia of buses since receiving serious back injuries in 1986 when a bus he was cleaning at a depot was hit by another was yesterday awarded damages of £89,959 against London Buses.

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Abduction case

Steven Burns, aged 20, a waiter in Newquay. Devon. was yesterday charged with abducting Matthew Davey, aged six, in the town Matthew, from Newquay, disappeared more than two weeks ago, and was found by chance on Tuesday by a relative in Kent.

Unlucky trip

A rare grey-cheeked thrush survived a freak flight across the Atlantic only to die at the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust's bird sanctuary at Slimbridge. Gloucestershire, when it flew into a glass door. -

Flood bleeper

A biceper service has begun for Wye Valley farmers after complaints of insufficient warning of floods. The National Rivers Authority will bleep farmers if they should move stock to higher ground.

Deaf-blind people given fresh hope

By Nick Nuttall technology correspondent

converse with friends hundreds of miles away, read a daily newspaper, keep in touch with events on teletext and retire in the evening with a Booker prize bestseller.

British electronics engineers vesterday unveiled a remarkable telecommunications system for deaf and blind people which allows communication with the outside world. Experts believe that the system, called Hand-Tapper, could

PEOPLE without sight and make such people more inhearing might soon be able to dependent and improve their quality of life.

The prototype, which researchers say could be a commercial reality in a year, given suitable funding, has been developed by a team at University College London in conjunction with deaf-blind people and the National Deaf-Blind League, a charity.

More than 11,000 Britons are crippled by the dual handicap of deafness and per cent cannot master braille. | spending a total of £70 million communication for such people is finger-spelling, based on the British manual fingerspelling alphabet, in which parts of the hand and the way in which these areas are touched or stroked relates to a

specific letter. Hand-Tapper harnesses the alphabet to allow a person unskilled in finger-spelling to communicate with a deafblind person via a telephone. At the heart of the system is a hand shaped pad carrying vibrating puns corresponding to the alphabet and a modem linked to the telephone.

Someone dialing Hand-Tapper types the conversation on to a keyboard, or dictates the conversation to one of British Telecom's special operators, who then relays the text down the telephone.

The communication causes the pins to pop up and vibrate singly or in sequence depending on the letter and using his or her own keyboard the handicapped person can re-spond. Field trials will start

'Cynical' cigarette sales attacked

addicts.

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

SHOPKEEPERS who sell sin- available to those with little gle cigarettes to children are money to spend can only acting as cynical drug pushers, encourage recruitment of researchers said yesterday. another generation of cigarette

A survey of 3.513 teenagers at nine schools in Bristol found that most of those who smoked had bought single cigarettes. The more a teenager smoked, the more likely. he or she was to have bought cigarettes one at a time.

Martin Jarvis, of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's it was against the law to sell to

"Our results imply a cynical flouting of the law by many shopkeepers who are acting straightforwardly as drug pushers," he said. "Nicotine is a very powerful addictive drug and other studies have shown that people abusing heroin, cocaine and alcohol have found cigarettes hardest to

Mr Jarvis carried out the survey with Ann McNeill, formerly of the Institute of Psychiatry's addiction re-

search unit, and now with the Health Education Authority. Dr McNeill said: "About 110,000 people a year in Britain die from smokingrelated diseases and the tobacco industry needs to recruit 300 new smokers a day to replace them. About 24 per

cent of boys aged 15 and about 31 per cent of girls of the same age are known to smoke, and there is good evidence that they quickly become hooked. "Given the intractability of soon and the charity is to the smoking habit, anything launch a fund-raising appeal. which makes cigarettes more

Addiction and were presented at a news conference held by ation in London. The association said that in 1988 only 29 shookeepers were prosecuted health behaviour unit, said for selling cigarettes to child-

The results of the survey are

published in this month's

issue of the British Journal of

blindness. An estimated 90 that children under 16 were ren under 16, and 26 of those were convicted. According to a government funded study in the same year,

only 8 per cent of children were refused cigarettes when they tried to buy them. The Parents Against To-

bacco organisation, which is supported by the association and by the Health Education Authority, said it would try to find a sponsor for a private member's bill which would seek tougher penalties for shopkeepers who made illegal

 A steep rise in claims for alleged malpractice involving accidents at burth in materiory wards could lead to cutbacks in hospital services, solicitors said yesterday.

The number of such claims has more than doubled in the last year to almost 40, according to a study by Capsticks, a law firm specialising in the health service.

Brian Capstick, co-author of the study, said at a conference in London yesterday that there was no evidence of declining medical standards. The main cause for the increase was a change in legal aid rules in April last year.

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Lack of support upset bishop

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER

described yesterday his anger at the churchmen and theologians who failed to stand by him when his controversial views on central Christian beliefs led to calls for his dismissal and resignation.

The Rt Rev David Jenkins said that the controversy that surrounded his views on the virgin birth and the resurrection had been extremely stressful. "What really made me angry was that lots of people in the Church who must have known that what I was saying was accepted teaching in theological colleges simply did not enter into the controversy or give me support. There was a sense of feeling let down."

The bishop, a former professor of theology at Leeds university, was speaking at the launch of Lying Down in Church, a book about one church's approach to relaxation and meditation. The author, the Rev Geoffrey Harding, retired vicar of St Mary Woolnoth in the city, is a lifelong friend of the bishop.

Dr Jenkins said: "It was not until I came to terms with how angry I was that I was able to deal with the stress. This

THE Bishop of Durham notion that we are befores and said: "There would be no can cope with anything without it doing us any harm is a very dangerous one."

Dr Jenkins, aged 65, caused furore when he said on a television religious programme that Christ's resurrection had been spiritual rather than physical. He said that he had been angry that his statement of what had been obvious for years had caused such a fuss and such frequent misrepresentation.

Jenkins: "I don't really

any reason for not consecrating me. I gather now that lots of people thought it could be stopped or would be stopped but that never entered my Dr Jenkins added: "I got hundreds and it later grew into

Referring to demands that important point is that the discussion has got going. I he should withdraw as bishop-

elect before his consecration at York Minster in July 1984, he

His personal relaxation technique involves withdraw ing into himself and being still. "even in a space in a service". Dr Jenkins said, "Of course it is a stressful job being a bishop, but stress if bandled properly is surely part of it. It keeps you on your toes. Being relaxed is not being a pudding it's withdrawing into yoursel in order to get out there

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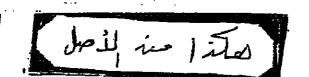
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Instant help 'might have saved two Lockerbie victims'

TWO passengers from Pan are 103 might have survived for a short time," he said. The the enquiry, said that the eight professor also told the enquiry pathologists were called to after a terrorist bomb ex-Lockerbie, an enquiry was

of forensic medecine at Edinburgh university, told the hearing in Dumfries that they might have survived had they received immediate medical treatment. He said that the passengers would have hit the ground at about 120mph after falling for some two and a-

Professor Busuttil said that a team of eight pathologists grouped the 259 victims from the aircraft into three categories: those with gross injuries who would have been killed outright; those less severely injured but still suffering extensive damage to found clutching a child. The vital organs, who might have article also contained factual been killed outright or who inaccuracies, including the died soon after losing con- wrong date for the crash and sciousness; and the two passengers with less severe said that Dr Eckert was editor "It is possible that this

to 1.000 Scottish students who

have refused to pay the

The action could be re-

peated throughout Britain in

government, which pays tu-

ition fees to universities, is,

however, likely to challenge

the move in court in spite of

urging local authorities to

recover poll tax debts by all

An estimated 20,000 Scot-

Strathclyde regional coun-

cil, the biggest local authority

gainst about 1,000 students,

according to Ian Henley, its

deputy director of finance.

More stoppages are expected

The council is owed more

than £50 million in poll tax

from last year, and Mr Henley

said that the authority was

legally obliged to try to re-

cover that money. Collection

by warrant sales was not

favoured and students were

unlikely to have any earnings. "if they do not offer us details of their bank accounts,

then we have no choice but to seek to recover the money from other sources of income

such as bursaries. Students have been fairly prominent among non-payers and we have to look at what action we can take against them."

Tuition fees are paid by the

Scottish education department to colleges and univer-

sities. A spokesman for the

Scottish Office said: "The

secretary of state has been

served with an arrestment

order for community charge

in respect of certain students

at Scottish institutions. The

Scottish education depart-

ment has written to the bodies

concerned pointing out that the tuition fee payment for 1990-91 will require to be

adjusted if the arrestments are

He said, however, that the question of validity was not clear and had yet to be tested. There has to be a court

judgment on this and we will challenge the arrestment." A spokeswoman for Strathclyde university said that, so far, it had been told that a total of £2,800 in respect of 33 of its

8 500 students could be deducted from fee income in

January. "We were astonished by this and will be taking legal advice on the matter. We feel

found to be valid."

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that the 11 Lockerbie resploded on the aircraft over idents killed would have died fuel-laden wing section crash-Anthony Busuttil, professor ed on the Sherwood area of the town, creating a fireball. The three-man crew on the flight deck would have been killed outright, as would 11 of the 13

cabin crew. There was no evidence that the bomb, in a baggage container on the New Yorkbound Boeing 747, created a fire in the aircraft.

Professor Busuttil demned as disgraceful an article by William Eckert, an American pathologist, in the American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology, and said it had wrongly claimed that the body of a victim was an incorrect casualty toll. He of the journal

The professor, the first

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have failed to pay the poll tax. Donna McKinnon, Scottish

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"We are extremely con-

cerned about the long-term

implications about what they

have done. It could open the

floodgates to creditors to take

Student fees to

be arrested over

poll tax debts

SHERIFF officers have been invidious position by being

ordered to arrest university forced to act as poll tax and college tuition fees for up collectors." Glasgow univer-

an effort to recoup poll tax secretary of the National debts incurred by tens of Union of Students, said that thousands of students. The she did not believe the arrest-

Lockerbie after the disaster working at first in a makeshift instantly when the aircraft's mortuary in the town hall. The mortuary was later moved to the town's ice rink. The bodies of seven of the

11 Lockerbie people who died were were never found, he said. The explosion caused by the crash would have destroyed their bodies. Those which had been found showed severe burns and multiple injuries from debris falling on or near them. The enquiry was told earlier that the names of the two passengers who might have survived "for a short time" were being withheld in line with relatives' wishes.

Lord Fraser of Carmyllie the Lord Advocate, asked the professor: "Let us take an extreme example: if, by the greatest of good fortune, one of those within group three had been immediately attended upon by the bestqualified medical team imaginable, would long-term survi val have been possible?"

The professor replied: "There is a possibility that, if resuscitation was available sport announced yesterday immediately, with access to the spital facilities, there could be a forth announced yesterday intra a road safety initiative hospital facilities, there could be a forth announced yesterday in the same will be launched have been survival." The Lord Advocate asked: "For those two?" Professor Busuttil replied: "For those two."

The enquiry was told last week that a Lockerbie woman was convinced that she had felt a pulse on the body of a woman found near the cockpit section at Tundergarth. Other witnesses said that woman may have been Noelle Berti, aged 40, from Paris, a stewardess. Professor Busuttil told the enquiry, however, that she had suffered injuries "totally incompatible" with surviving. He said 201 of the plane's 243 passengers would have been killed outright without

question. Nineteen could have died outright or soon after falling unconscious. The two less severely injured could have survived "for a short time" - but this was no more than a possibility. Professor Busuttil told the

similar action against stuhearing that victims in free fall dents. It is a very dangerous precedent," she said. from a disintegration at that Professor John Forty, prinheight would have hit the rants for non-payment. The cipal of Stirling university, implications for England and wales, halfway through the enge the regularity of this first year of the tax, are procedure. If fees are now ground at a speed of 120mph. Ground injuries would have masked any suffered in the aircraft, but no passenger showed evidence of burns or going to be made vulnerable by this kind of move, then it smoke inhalation.
"Some victims may have means our financial position

fallen faster because they were tions and fines of up to attached to heavy parts of the £15,000. in Scotland, has taken action is going to be completely attached to heavy parts of the • Kirklees council. West aircraft. Some may have fallen Yorkshire, is today launching more slowly because they were its biggest drive against local with parts of the aircraft which people refusing to pay their fluttered down," he said. Some passengers might have More than 12,000 people are being summonsed by the regained consciousness as they fell into lower altitudes council at Huddersfield magwith more oxygen, remaining conscious in free fall all the istrates' court for non-payment of the community way to the ground. It was not charge. Anti-poll tax groups possible, however, to say are expected to demonstrate outside the court. which individuals were

Boom in bicycles puts new pressure on safety

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By MICHAEL HORSNELL

IN THE decade since Norman Tebbit advised the unemployed to get on their bikes the ozone-friendly bicycle has assumed unimagined importance as a means Of transport.

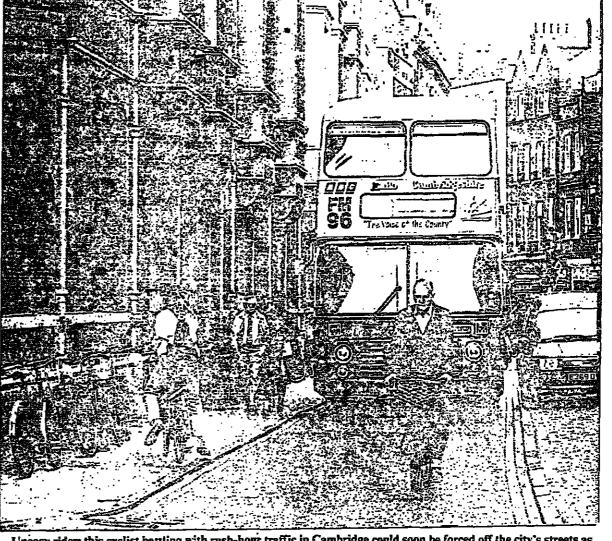
Sales have almost doubled from 1.5 million to 2.8 million a year and there are now an estimated 13 million bicycle owners in Britain, more than three-and-a-half million of whom regularly use pedal power to get to The boom in cycling has

inevitably meant a higher casualty toll on the roads, now rising by 10 per cent a year. In 1989, 20,716 adults and 7,797 children were injured, of whom 232 adultsand 62 children died. The result is a growing clamour for bicycle lanes and other safety improvements, greater awareness by motorists of the cyclist and a co-ordinated government transport policy

The Department of Tranin the spring, by which time the London Cycling Campaign also hopes that a 1,000- mile network of bicycle routes in the capital will have been agreed by the London boroughs.

A nationwide survey of cyclists published today by Gallup shows that 58 per cent of cyclists feel local authorities are not doing enough to previde safe routes and they want the plans for London copied by other cities. Nearly three out of ten cyclists have been involved in some kind of

The survey, for the bicycle



Uneasy rider: this cyclist battling with rush-hour traffic in Cambridge could soon be forced off the city's streets as the local authority tonight discusses banning cycles from a section of the centre between 10am and 4pm. Students have protested at the move, which the council says is also being made to tackle an increase in accidents.

and accessories retailer Halfords, also shows that although 93 per cent want an integrated transport policy similar to that on the Continent, 37 per cent would be willing to pay a bicycle tax to fund more facilities on the

road such as new routes. Len Unwin, general secretary of the British Cycling Federation, said: "It's an increasingly popular mode of transport. Just look in any town and you will find more and more people using bikes to commute to work. It's environmentally desirable but also the most economic form of transport. The major problem we face, though,

are being considered no thought is given to the cyclist. There are clearly not enough cycle routes through towns but things are beginning to improve and there is now support for us from the Department of Transport."

Indications of growing pedal power during the nineties are emerging regularly as a counter to the increas-ing costs of energy and congestion.

Workers at the Body Shop store chain have set a trend by introducing company biauthorities of Camden and Haringey, north London, operate "bike pools" for statī to use on council business, and Sutton council, south London, pays the same mileage rate to cyclists on council business as

British Rail to provide increased bicycle parking facilities and a number of pilot stations throughout the Network SouthEast catchment area have been chosen to encourage commuters to cycle rather than drive to the their local stations.

Mintel, the market research company, forecasts that bike sales will increase by two-thirds in the next five years as local authorities make greater provision

theless, still has a long way to catch up with its European neighbours, especially The Netherlands where up to 40 per cent of people Halfords is working with

commute by bicycle. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents renewed a call yesterday for cyclists to wear reflective clothing and for motorists to be more bike-conscious.

A spokesman for the transport department said: 'Judging by the buoyancy in cycle sales, cycling is getting more and more popular but it is one of the least safe modes of transport. We aim to make it safer. There will be a big campaign in the

is that when road schemes for cyclists. Britain, never-

By ROBIN YOUNG FEARS that unfit meat from being sold for human consumption have prompted plans for a nationwide safety check. The food committee of the Institution of Environmental Health Officers will consider proposals today for Operation Meathook II, the sequel to a 1979 campaign that led to several prosecu-

Nick Hibbert, chairman of the organisation's meat leg-islation review group, said yesterday that most of the evidence that unfit meat was ply was anecdotal, but there was enough of it to give rise to serious concern.

"It is unlikely that unfit meat is being sold by any supermarkets or high street

being sold cheaply from mar-ket stalls or the backs of vans, unlicensed knackers' yards is and finding its way into bulk supplies.

Chris Mugford, who will be regional co-ordinator for the campaign in Wales and the Midlands, said: "We have already set up the machinery so that we can pass information between authorities and

miles to illegal processors." David Maclean, the food minister, said vesterday that

ported sometimes hundreds of

the government would be keen to take steps to stop illicit trade in unfit meat.

There have been two recent cases of unfit meat being sold for human consumption. In quickly decide who is best Llanelli, Dyfed, an inspector placed to act upon it. We at Pwilbach slaughterhouse killed on farms and trans- found that injured animals also intercepted a consign- putrefaction, and fly blow.

had been certified fit for and condemned it as unfit. human consumption after

At Taunton crown court in being destroyed. The health July, Norman and Michael officers' institution says it is Bramall of Oxspring, near impossible to be certain that Sheffield, were fined £8,000 cows infected with bovine each after admitting offering spongiform encephalopathy, unfit meat for sale. Officers of "mad cow" disease, were not Taunton Deane district counamong those certified fit. The cil had found that beef the case came to light after a men had supplied showed complaint from a local school signs of bruising, septic arthridinner lady. Environmental tis, peritonitis, pleurisy, abhealth officers in Somerset scesses, faecal contamination,

ment of meat from Pwllbach

Brilliant and chaotic play leaves third game drawn

the World Chess Championship in New York ended in a draw on the 53rd move after some brilliant play on both

The first session of game 3, with Karpov playing white and Kasparov black, had witnessed some of the most chaotic, wild and unconventional battles ever seen at this level of chess. In the opening, a King's Indian Defence. Kasparov played what was previously regarded as a book

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Final position in the

THE adjourned third game of blunder on move 9, which a brilliant defensive decision, allowed Karpov to win rook sacrificing a knight to elimifor bishop, normally a decisive advantage.

Kasparov, however, succeeded in generating counter-play, and by the speed of his moves it was evident that he had prepared this idea in prematch analysis. Then on the material edge insufficient to 17th move, the world cham- force victory. pion offered a fresh sacrifice,

nate the black passed pawn. On the 53rd move when the draw was agreed Kasparov would still have the advantage of bishop and knight against knight and pawn, but this is a

Nature group tunes in to squirrels

By RONALD FAUX

IN THE wake of Oliver Cromwell comes Sciurus carolinensis. The Lord Protector was perhaps the last aggressor to arrive in the North-West and knock the local population about a bit. The grey squirrel is following his example, causing havoc among the resident red squirrels, or Sciurus vulgaris, which the Lancashire Trust for Nature Conservation has been prompted to investigate.

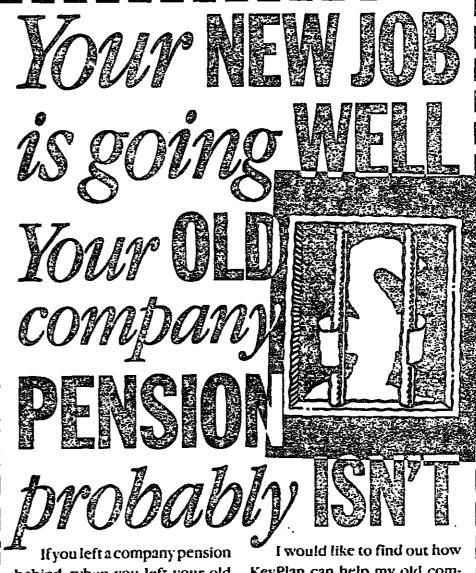
in 100 acres of woodland at Warton Crag, near Carnforth, Lancashire, Graeme Skeicher runs the trust's squirrel project, trapping red and grey varieties, fitting them with radio transmitters, and then plotting their movements. There has been an invasion of greys, a bit Cromwellian, I suppose you could say, and the forecast is that within 15 years of the greys getting in, the reds could disappear altogether," he said.

Mr Skeicher, a mathematics graduate, patrois the wood with a radio receiver that tracks the position of each rodent. Six red and three grey squirrels are presently sending out signals. Since the transmitters cost £70 each and red squirrels, in particular, are apt to be cavalier in their wanderings and go off-air without trace, equipping the project is expensive. The radio collars transmit across a one-mile radius for nine months

before the signal fades. The study has so far found little pattern in a squirrel's life. The grey varicty is indeed more successful at taking over territory and can survive on a wider variety of food in more crowded circumstances but, Mr Skelcher says, the nuthoarding instinct of both types seems to be more haphazard than books suggest. "A squirrel may bury surplus food, but will quickly forget the location. If the creature finds a cache it is most likely to be by accident or a store belonging to some other squirrel," he said.

Both varieties are enthusiastic secondhome owners. Mr Skelcher, noting radio signals, has counted 26 drays, or nests, used regularly by only four squirrels.

The study follows research by London Zoo into ways of reintroducing red squirreis threatened by the grey type. Zoologists devised a food hopper and a dray that could be triesered only by the lighter red squirrel. Well-fed the red squirrels may have become, but West End cats and passing traffic proved to be perils from which the zoo could not save them.



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ERM ENTRY

'Price to pay' for cabinet bungling

By SHEILA GUNN

BRITAIN will have to pay a painful price for the govern-ment's bungling of the econ-omy over the past year, Paddy Ashdown predicted yesterday when demanding a five-point economic strategy in the wake of Britain's entry into the

exchange-rate mechanism. The Liberal Democrat leader dismissed as futile debates on Britain's entry and instead questioned the govenrment's ability to be tough enough to take advantage of the opportunities opened up by ERM

Divisions in the cabinet on economic and monetary union will damage economic performance and undermine confidence in sterling, as did the split between Margaret Thatcher and Nigel Lawson,

They sit like a timebomb at the heart of the government machine. The fuse has been lit. John Major (Chancellor) must now back up his antiinflationary rhetoric with

conference Mr Ashdown added: "Now that we are in the ERM, there can be no hiding place for the economy. The chancellor's policies must be based on an explicit recognition of that fact. The country and the markets need to know what will be the policy now we are in the exchange rate mechanism.

The Liberal Democrats strategy is: a commitment to the goal of

a single European currency; tighter fiscal policy; targeted increases in public spending for education, training and transport;

a commitment to move to

the narrow bands of ERM • the Bank of England to be given responsibility for monetary policy independent of the

Mr Ashdown said that the government had failed to pre-pare Britain for the changed economic conditions of ERM membership.

'If the prime minister will not provide this leadership because of her anti-European prejudices, her chancellor must repeat his victory over ERM membership by ensuring that Britain plays a positive rather than a negative role in shaping economic and monetary union and the single

Mr Ashdown, who his party conference that a Liberal Democrat government would be willing to raise income tax, added yesterday that John Major must stop all the government's talk of tax



BY-ELECTION

Ravenscraig pledge fails to satisfy the House

By JOHN WINDER, PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

Scotland before April 5 next year received only a muted nounced in the Commons

The undertaking by Sir British Steel, will give some time for consideration of a survey of the Scottish steel industry the final conclusions of which will be available in the new year. The report is being prepared for the Scottish Development Agency by in-dependent consultants, Ar-

thur D. Little. Malcolm Rifleind, Scottish secretary, who has made clear his own disagreement with the British Steel decision to close the Ravenscraig hot strip mill, told MPs that he hoped the undertaking would give time for a full assessment of the

study.
Mr Rifkind said that Sir
Robert had indicated that British Steel had promised full co-operation in the preparation of the development agency survey of the prospects concern about the future of the Clydesdale tube plant, about which Sir Robert had not been able to tell him of any

Opposition MPs expressed misgivings about the precise development agency and that nature of the undertaking on the two chairmen were to the Ravenscraig plant and meet Donald Dewar, Labour spokesman on Scotland, in- fries, C) asked how they could sisted that there must be no assess the commercial judgremoval or dismantling of ment of British Steel when plant before the report was they did not know the facts on available and could be as-

He said that the minister should force British Steel to come clean on the facts behind the closure of the hot strip mill. He should meet the chairman after the report was produced "to go into battle on behalf of the Scottish steel **FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

industry Teesside Conservative MPs demanded that developments of the profitable plant there should not be sacrificed to preference for Scotland.

George Robertson (Hamilton, Lab) said that there was deep concern among the trade unions about the position and they wanted to know whether yesterday's meeting Mr Rifkind had received answers to the questions from the Ravenscraig shop stewards that he had undertaken to put on their behalf. What confidence could the people of Scotland have in assurances

from British Steel? Mr Rifleind said that he had given Sir Robert Scholey the shop stewards' questions, as he had promised.

"I put to him the utility of answering those questions as much as he felt able to do." Sir Robert had said that he would meet the chairman of the development agency, Sir David Nickson.

Tim Devlin (Stockton South, C) asked: "Did the secretary of state tell the chairman that the only way the long-term viability of the steel industry in this country can be guaranteed is if decisions on future investment

Ashdown looks to Eastbourne test

today's Eastbourne by-election as a test of the party's revived status as the credible alternative in Conservativeheld constituencies at the next general election (Sheila Gunn

Richard Hickmet, the Tory candidate, is confident of holding the seat left vacant by the murder of Ian Gow, but the Liberal Democrat leader said that the outcome was "too close to call".

Mr Ashdown told a press conference in London yesterday: "I expect not only a good result but [that] Labour motion. will be unlikely to improve on its general election perfor-

mance and may even get less". The steady and determined build-up in the Liberal Democrats' fortunes in the past 18 months had pushed them past the point of being satisfied merely with a high profile campaign "I hope it will convince certain commentators that the electorate is not to be judged by sitting in an armchair in London reading opinion polls. It will confirm the argument I have been making that where the party is challenged by the Tories we are the credible alternative and we are the people who can

beat the Tories. Local issues and law and order have dominated the campaign, with Mr Hickmet, a

PADDY Ashdown will treat barrister and "retread" MP the Liberal Democrat vote in who lost his Glanford and Scunthorpe seat at the last

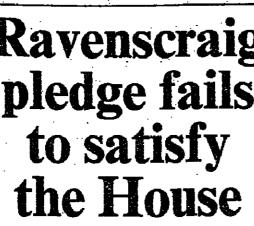
port for capital punishment. David Bellotti, a local Liberal Democrat councillor and YMCA director, has been on the party's strength in local government. But he needs a swing of more than 15 per cent to take the seat. He also faces a traditional "Liberal" candidate Theresa Williamson.

Mr Bellotti believes that in recent days the "Gow card" has been backfiring against Mr Hickmet through over-pro-

The position of Charlotte Atkins, Labour's candidate, has been undermined by the decision of London headquarters to impose her over the local choice of Peter Day because of his refusal to pay the poll tax. Miss Atkins, a press officer, is in the mould of Kinnockite candidates in byelections. Both Mr Hickmet and Miss Atkins have been Wandsworth councillors.

David Aherne (Greens), John McAuley (National Front), Lindi St Claire Miss Whiplash (Correction Party), and Eric Page (Ironside Party). General election: i Gow (C) 33,587; P Driver (Lib All), 16,664; A Patel (Lab), 4,928; R Addison (Green), 867. C maj:

The other candidates are:



BRITISH Steel's undertaking are made for valid commernot to dismantle any of the cial reasons only and not for Ravenscraig hot strip mill in for political reasons? "Will he tell the trade

unions that the most commerwelcome when it was an- cially competitive and productive steel plant in this country is on Teesside and that it would be a tragedy to Robert Scholey, chairman of delay investment there for the political machinations of the Labour party in Scotland?" Mr Rifkind replied: "There

is agreement on all sides that the future of the the steel industry has to be decided on commercial grounds." Malcolm Bruce, Liberal

Democrat spokesman on Scotland, said that the meeting between Sir Robert and Mr Rifkind had been a meeting between private citizens because Mr Rifkind had effectively given up trying to influence British Steel

Was the development agency report likely to be ready in time to change the disastrous decisions on Scottish steel?

Mr Rifkind said that unless Mr Bruce was proposing reland. The minister added later that he shared Opposition concern about the factories of the liminary conclusions on the survey before Christmas and final ones early in the new year. It was important that there was to be co-operation between British Steel and the

> Sir Hector Monro (Dumwhich they had taken the

> Mr Rifkind: "It is precisely for that reason that I and others were unable to say whether the conclusion reached by British Steel is

night for giving uncritical support to President Gorbachev despite his failure

to put his leadership to a democratic vote

Dr David Owen, the former foreign

secretary, accused politicans in the West

of swallowing KGB propaganda in their

dismissal of Boris Yeltsin and of putting

too much faith in Mr Gorbachev and his

attempt to show that there was a third

way between Stalin's communism and

to be more questioning of Mr Gorbachev and the changes he was attempting to

introduce into the Soviet Union. He said

that although the Soviet president

deserved the Nobel Peace Prize, "the

largely uncritical euphoria that sur-

rounds it in the West is troubling". He

The former SDP leader urged the West

Western-style democracy.



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Rifkind: received promise from British Steel chief

Double election battle begins

By OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

West 'swallowing the KGB line'

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WESTERN leaders were criticised last added: "Our political leaders have a grossly over-extended military appa-

placed too many bets on Gorbachev;

they have swallowed KGB propaganda

against Boris Yeltsin and they would be

well advised now to hedge their bets".

Dr Owen said the West should judge

Mr Gorbachev for what he was, "a

remarkable, pragmatic and adaptable

leader", who had managed to master-

mind the transfer of power from the

Communist party to a power élite that he

now headed. It was, however, dangerous

nonsense to accept that that group

believed in genuine democracy or a market economy, Dr Owen said in a

lecture at the Cambridge Union.

The policies followed by the Mr

Gorbachev had been dictated by his re-

cognition that the Soviet Union must

retreat from an "imperial" empire that

had resulted in financial difficulties and

Bradford North in a tough byelection contest next month.

The writs for by-elections in Bradford North and Bootle on Merseyside on November 8 were moved in the Commons by Derek Foster, the Opposition chief whip. Labour remains ahead in

would damage the party's efforts to portray itself as a government in waiting. A complicating factor for party strategists is the decision by the Islamic party of Great Britain to field a candidate in a seat where the Muslim vote

of about 7,000 has tradition-

ROY Hattersley launches to- ally gone to Labour. Daud day Labour's campaign to Pidcock, of the Islamic party, hold the marginal seat of is unlikely to win, but Labour's fear is that he could deprive them of enough votes to ensure a Conservative victory in the seat which that the late Pat Wall held in the 1987 general election with a majority of 1,633.

On the same day as polling in Bradford North, a bythe opinion polls, but any- election will take place in the safe Labour seat of Bootle, thing short of a convincing caused by Mike Carr's death. victory in the Yorkshire seat Candidates in Bradford North include: Terry Rooney

(Lab), Joy Atkin (C), David Ward (Lib Dem), Mike Knott (Grn) and Mr Pidcock. In Bootle they include: Joe Benton (Lab), James Clappison (C) and John Cunningham (Lib Dem).

NATURE COUNCIL.

Wilder flights of fancy' on funding denied

REPORTS that the cost of tional provision for policy and reorganising the Nature Con-think-tank work". servancy Council into three parts might be £30 million a year were denied by the government last night. In the vancy council in England, 225 House of Lords, Lady Blatch, for the Countryside Council a junior environment min- for Wales and 385 for the ister, told peers that the cost was less that £10 million.

She used a statement before the report stage of the Environmental Protection bill continued to dispel what she called the "wilder flights of fancy" that had appeared in should be able to do more in the media and been quoted in Parliament.

She said that exaggerated particularly estimates of £20 million or and Wales." even £30 million had been made by those who "shall we say, do not wish to see our proposals presented in the best light".

The actual estimate for extra staff and consequential costs such as accommodation was £9.18 million. There would be 294 more staff than at present and the government was allowing for consolidation of temporary posts as well as creating new ones.

She said: "This means that,

conservancy council in Scotland. Another 86 would go to the Joint Nature Conservation

She added: "The new structure will be soundly based and, when it is operation, it each country than the existing conservancy council. This is particularly true of Scotland

She repeated the a commit-ment that "adequate re-sources" would be provided to cover reorganisation without damaging present conservation programmes.

The government, she said. had justified the case for reform: "In a nutshell, it is that separate agencies for each country will be more sensitive and accountable".

Her announcement was interrupted by Opposition peers who protested that they far from there being a major had not had advance warning increase in bureaucracy, there and the House was adjourned will be extra permanent posts in scientific grades and addiscenes discussions.

PRISONS

Tory MP predicts more jail riots

A SENIOR Tory backbench. When will the government MP predicted yesterday that learn? I predict that we will the prison system was facing another Strangeways jail" riot next year and blamed the government

Sir Charles Irving, MP for Cheltenham, accused the Home Office of failing to heed warnings from prison officers, voluntary agencies and prisoners. He said: "We have had one disturbance after another.

ratus. "We should be particularly careful

not to fall for the propaganda that all

these changes stem from the goodness of the heart and the general enlightenment

Dr Owen said Western leaders should

not feed the Soviet leadership's delusion

that the Soviet Union could give up the

satellite countries of Eastern Europe and

consolidate around the present bound-

He added that the West would do Mr

Gorbachev no favours if it gave the

impression that his third way between

eld-style communism and a true West-

ern-style democracy had a future. Nor, Dr Owen said, should he be insulated

from legitimate pressure from Western

democracies to put his leadership to the

the political leaders.

aries of the USSR.

have another Strangeways on our hands next year". Sir Charles was speaking at the launch, at the House of

Commons, of the annual report of the Stonham Housing Association, a specialist organisation providing homes for 2,900 single homeless people, including many former offenders The MP, who is founder

and chairman of the association, said: "We cannot seem to get it into the brains of those who are responsible that the frustrations and tensions within the prison system will lead to further terrible strains on the service. "When will the government

learn it must take out of the prisons the people who were put there after conviction for minor and trivial offences. ment is counter-productive. "I implore the Home Secretary: wake up to the fact

voluntary agencies such as Stonham must have more money. If we did, we could expand our facilities to take some of the people who should not be in prison." Stonham has more than 190

housing schemes located in every county in England and South Wales and has become one of the leading voluntary agencies for former prisoners.

replies, Margaret Thatcher said that the total cost of all her offices in 1989-90 was £7,704,396. That in-

cluded salaries, notional pension liability, and the grant to the Chequers Trust. She said that the total cost of her travel and that of

her staff during the year was £948,656. Official hospitality cost £27,427.

Devolution 'disaster'

Malcolm Rifkind. Scottish secretary, firmly rejected demands for independence or devolution for Scotland. At Commons question time he said that Scotland would pay a devastating price for such policies.

Labour's proposals for Scottish assembly would bring extra taxes, he said. and the Scottish National party's plans for an independent country would mean that Scots living in England would be foreigners.

Ewing elected by SNP

Margaret Ewing, Scottish Nationalist MP for Moray. has been unanimously re-elected as leader of the SNP group of five MPs in Parliament. She has ben leader since 1987. Mrs Alex Salmond, MP for Banff and Buchan, the overail party leader.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Prime Minister. Debate on public accounts

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Hurd lost in political minefield of Middle East

From RICHARD OWEN IN JERUSALEM

salem. But he had the chastened and slightly dazed look minefield of Arab-Israeli polifind mines blowing up all

around his feet. the passions aroused in the Mount killings 10 days ago when it was reproduces in have proved too hot to handle. Israeli newspapers.

Having failed to issue a Tuesday eyeare on short fuses. "You cannot please both sides at the best of times," one diplomat said yesterday.

According to this view, Mr Hurd issued a tough arriving, failed to follow it through on arrival in order not to offend his already displeased Israeli hosts, but in doing so thoroughly alienated the Palestinian side.

On the Israeli side, Mr Hurd, despite a new and warm relationship with David Levy, the Israeli foreign minister, evidently failed to persuade the right-wing government of Yitzhak Shamir to change its mind and accept the United Nations mission investigating the Temple Mount affair. Mr Hurd's argument that "the last thing we want is a long run of endless security council debates on Arab-Israel" affairs fell on deaf ears.

On the Palestinian side, the mine which exploded yes-terday took the form of a leaked misquotation. Palestinian anger, already fuelled by what the Arabs see as equivocal British support for the Palestinian cause, boiled over when Mr Hurd was quoted by the Israeli media as having told members of the Knesset (parliament) foreign affairs committee in private session that he was "absolutely opposed to the establishment of an independent Palestinian

Mr Hurd insisted he had made no such statement. He had only reiterated the British should have self-determ-ination, and whether this led to a state of Palestine would be a matter for negotiation.

By the time this clarification reached Palestinian leaders, however, the damage was done. Twenty-eight leading Palestinians due to meet the foreign secretary called off the encounter, reportedly at the instigation of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a PLO faction.

Some Israelis said the leaked report was a deliberate act by one of the three Israeli

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign MPs Mr Hurd met; Eliahu secretary, said yesterday that Ben-Elissar and Uzi Landau he was "too well-trained to be of Likud, and Yitzhak Rabin angry", as he surveyed the of Labour. The Palestinians, debris of his Middle East sources said, had fallen into an mission from a sofa in the Israeli trap by taking Israeli British consulate in east Jeru- media leaks at face value instead of waiting to see what Mr Hurd had to say.

of a man who – like so many before him – had entered the age caused by the misquotation could have been limited. tics with what he thought was The report was the main story due care and attention only to on Israeli television news on Tuesday evening, while Mr Hurd was at a dinner given by Even for someone of Mr Mr Levy. Yesterday, how-Hurd's skill and experience, ever, Mr Hurd said he had known nothing of the report aftermath of the Temple until yesterday morning,

correction on Tuesday evening, British officials sought to reassure Radwan Abu Ayash, head of the Arab Journalists Association and one of the leading Palestinians due to condemnation of Israel before meet Mr Hurd when he telephoned the British consulate at 8.30am. By then, Mr Hurd was on a tour of United Nations headquarters and St John's eye hospital in east Jerusalem.

It was not until mid-moming, when Mr Hurd reached a centre for the disabled at Beit Jalla on the West Bank that he challenged the Israeli reports. Answering questions from a Arab physiotherapy student, 22, the foreign secretary said: "There is something in the

newspaper which is not right." He added: "Can I say something to you? We believe the Palestinians should have the right to determine their own future. We do not say there cannot be a state, and we do not say there should be a state: it is for the Palestinians to decide their future."

For the Arab leaders waiting in Jerusalem, this was not enough. They were in any case incensed by Mr Hurd's statement - accurately reported that although the PLO should be involved in the peace process, it had "made a big mistake by finding excuses for the invasion of Kuwait".

"Britain clearly does not recognise that the PLO is the legitimate representative of the Palestinians, nor does it want us to have a state," said Professor Saeb Erakat, of Anview that the Palestinians Najah university in Nablus. "But these form the backbone

The Palestinians were dismissive of the UN resolution on Temple Mount. Just as Mr Levy had condemned the British compromise draft as "one-sided and hypocritical", so the Palestinians attacked it in a statement handed to Mr Hurd as "a delayed and diluted resolution" from an organisation which had failed for 23 years to end "the brutal and oppressive Israeli occupa-

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Taking cover: a Palestinian woman about to try on a gas mask at the village of Beit Hanina, in east Jerusalem, as Israeli troops and civil defence personnel began distributing anti-chemical warfare kits to Arabs

Moscow's optimistic envoy tries to draw hope from Iraqi position

refusing to take no for an policies." answer, Yevgeni Primakov would surely be a candidate.

President Gorbachev appears to have instructed him to keep alive hopes that Iraq could be persuaded to withdraw from Kuwait in return for concessions. The Soviet emissary continued yesterday to promote that idea despite outright rejection by both Baghdad and Washington. Britain is equally opposed. Mr Primakov, making a

tour of Western capitals, has hinted that terms for an Iraqi pullout were discussed when he met President Saddam Hussein in Baghdad last week. It is thought that these would Kuwait border giving Bagh- than the British or French. dad the whole of the Rumaila oilfield and the islands of save face.

quoted an information ministry source as saying: "No have a chance to vote on it. Iragi official has or ever will say that Kuwait is not part of Primakov on Friday and will

IF THERE were a prize for Iraq. Iraq does not have two

It was not Baghdad's first denial, but Mr Primakov seemed to have ignored prereporters in Rome on Tuesday that Moscow was "optimistic despite everything - otherwise we wouldn't be here". He believed that Iraq would be ready to negotiate a settlement provided the West did not set ultimatums or threaten military action.

His reason for saying this in Rome was that Italy holds the presidency of the European Community, whose foreign ministers are to meet in Luxembourg on Monday. The Italians are better disposed include a revision of the Iraq- towards a negotiated approach

The suspicion in Wash ington and London is that Mr Bubiyan and Warba, a secure Primakov's mission has much outlet to the Gulf, and a to do with Moscow's wish to diplomatic arrangement to avoid having to send forces to the Gulf. Eduard Shevard-Baghdad strongly denied nadze, the foreign minister, this yesterday, insisting that it has said it would do so only in will never give up what has response to a security council become its 19th province. The resolution setting up a UN official news agency INA force, and has promised that the Soviet parliament would President Bush is to see Mr

want to know whether his province of Basra, renamed hopes are based on more than Saddami-yat al-Mitla. wishful thinking. As this northern part in-

Whitehall sources believe that a new map of Kuwait which Baghdad has been sent to Iraqi missions abroad forms part of a confusion strategy. It shows that only the southern part of Kuwait lies within the new 19th province. A line has been drawn across the old map and the northern part transferred to the former ing compromises.

Both Washington and London say they will settle for nothing less than a total withdrawal without face-sav-

cludes the Rumaila oilfield

and the strategic islands, the

map has encouraged specula-

tion that Baghdad might nego-

tiate its withdrawal.

IRAQ'S REVISED MAP OF KUWAIT KUWAIT SAUDI ARABIA

British protest after Baghdad rejects status of diplomats

By Andrew McEwen, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

Baghdad after being told that Group not to go. its diplomats evacuated from

diplomatic status in Iraq. Iraq said that the eight diplomats would be treated as ordinary citizens. This will be seen as implicit warning that they might join the 300 Britons detained under Iraq's "human shield" policy, though no explicit threat has been made.

"This is a further example of the Iraqis' flagrant disregard for international law," a foreign office spokesman said, describing it as a breach of articles 40 and 44 of the Vienna Convention on diplomatic status. Azmi al-Salihi, the Iraqi ambassador, was summoned to the Foreign Office on Tuesday and told of Britain's displeasure.

Britain is one of only six countries still defying an Iraqi order to close their embassies in Kuwait. Others, including the French embassy, are likely to withdraw this week after exhausting their supplies of food, water and fuel.

The British embassy was run down from 22 to ten diplomats before Iraq's dead-line of August 24, and most of those withdrawn were sent home, as were the dependents. Britain then cut the number to four by sending six to Baghdad under Iraqi military escort. A further two were pulled out ten days ago, leaving only Michael Weston, the Ambas-sador, and Larry Banks still in

the building, which remains blockaded by Iraqi troops.

Britain informed Iraq that the eight were being added to the British Embassy in the Baghdad, but after a delay this has been rejected. The men continue to work at the embassy and to live either there or with other British

They are: Tony Millson and Donald Macaulay, John Raine, second secretary; Martin Roper, vice consul; David McDonaugh, immigration of-ficer, David Belgrove, assistant management officer; Adam Perks, registrar, Brian McKeith, security officer.

Baghdad's move puts them among the 400 Britons still living in Iraq and not under detention. A further 300 Britons are detained in Iraq under the human shield policy after being transferred from

Mr al-Salihi was also told to claim compensation for losses caused by the annexation of Kuwait. The atmosphere of his 11-minute meeting with David Gore-Booth, assistant under-secretary, was described as "correct", usually a dip-lomatic way of saying stiff.

In the meantime several British women evacuated from Kuwait and Iraq are considering returning to join their husbands, despite strong advice from the Foreign Of-

BRITAIN has protested to fice and the Gulf Support The Iraqi Embassy in Kuwait will not be given London said it had issued several visas and would wel-

come requests from other women wishing to return. The Foreign Office described this as "cynical manipulation" and said the women would be taking a great risk. Joanna Copley, cofounder of the Gulf Support Group, also advised women to

Threat to boycott Cairo poll

Cairo - In a determined attempt to force the pace of democratic reform, much of Egypt's opposition is threatening an unprecedented boycott of the general election scheduled for November 29 (Chris-

topher Walker writes).
A senior official of the rightwing Wafd party announced yesterday that it would boycott the poll, announced last week, in protest against unfair election conditions. He said the Muslim Brotherhood and two other opposition parties, Labour and the Liberals, were planning to join the boycott.

An Amnesty International report meanwhile criticised torture and other breaches of human rights in Egypt.

Saddam's spy

Bonn - President Saddam Hussein was supplied with all the original secrets of Operation Desert Shield by a spy caught working inside the German foreign ministry, according to German counterintelligence. Police say the spy, aged 35, is a convert to Islam who called himself "Mohammed", and is beheved to have accepted an initial payment of DM20,000 (£7,000)....

US 'in control'

Amsterdam - America will take the initiative in the Gulf if war breaks out, Vice-Admiral Henry Mauz, who commands the US Middle East fleet, said. He told the Dutch newspaper. De Telegraaf, that the Western allies would be asked to join any American action, but the US Navy "was strong enough on its own to cope with every conceivable not hesitate to do so.

Kuwaiti concern

Vienna – Kuwait might not be able to continue to finance the international military presence in the Gulf beyond the end of this year. Abdul Hamid al-Awadhi, Kuwait's ambas-sador here said yesterday (Susan Masterman writes). Kuwait was "the country which has been victimised and our revenue has been cut off". It was drawing on its investments and could not continue to do so indefinitely.

Foreign accent

New York — An American with no knowledge of foreign languages began speaking with a Scandinavian accent after a stroke, a researcher claims. The man had foreign accent syndrome, a rare condition that scientists say may shed light on how different parts of the brain contribute to spoken ! language. (AP)

Travel time cut

Berge - Because of decisions taken by the European Goods Trains Timetable Conference, travel times are to be shortened on some Swiss railway routes to northern Germany and Austria beginning in 1991. (AFP)

Britons in 'foolhardy' desert escape

across the desert to Saudi Arabia, keeping off the roads, it was disclosed yesterday.

controversial, being seen as courageous by some but foolhardy by others. A hospital which employs two of them criticised it as "dangerous and irresponsible", and it was contrary to British Embassy advice.

Harold Walker, the British

ambassador, yesterday re-peated his view that the 400 Britons still in Iraq but not detained should not try to dangerous thing to have at-escape. There should be no tempted. Thankfully they are the hospital, including 200 Saadi Mahdi Saleh.

THREE Britons have escaped heroics and they should not safe and well. But to some Irish and 43 British staff Last from Iraq by driving 200 miles run risks. Whitehall sources extent it is irresponsible in month, three Irishmen unconfirmed that the govern-terms of the implications it connected with Parc appeared ment took the same view.

One of those who escaped was named as Luke Coates, aged 38, from south west England, but the identity of England, but the identity of strong advice of both the the others was not disclosed. British and Irish ambassadors All had asked British dip-lomats in Saudi Arabia for anonymity.

Two of the men were male nurses from a hospital op-erated by Parc, a subsidiary of the Irish airline Aer Lingus. Peter Keenan, Parc's manager in Dublin, said: "It is a very

might have for everybody else in an Iraqi court charged with who has remained in trying to leave the country

"It was done against the

in Iraq." Mr Keenan said there would be a feeling of some concern among staff remaining at the Ibn Al Bitar hospital. However, he did not believe the escape would jeopardise the "special status" granted to the hospital by the Iraqi authorities last week.

without the proper documentation. • TOKYO: Iraq has released

a Japanese hostage into the custody of the Japanese embassy in Baghdad and two or three others would be freed on Thursday, Kyodo news agency said (Reuter reports). Japanese television said that Iraq planned to release four Japanese in the next two days, according to the chairman of the Iraqi national assembly,

From Juan Carlos Gumucio in Bikfaya, lebanon

'The Captain' fills vacuum left by Aoun Aoun's forces. Under the Syrian-backed Ionathon Porritt on how London's traffic agone might be cured. Food on the walls, architecture on the plate; the capital's latest restaurants.

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thick brown moustache, de- a mission. Sooner or later, his him right there and he knew it. patient with Mr Geagea. signer spectacles and, since the defeat of General Michel Aoun five days ago, is playing a new role in the Christian enclave of Lebanon. As the commander of the Syrian Social National Party in the mountains northeast of Beirut, he and his men have gladly filled the vacuum left by the retreat of General

plan to extend President Hrawi's authority to the enclave, the Captain would have to disarm his men and leave. But yesterday, as President Hrawi's tanks moved slowly not contemplating moving. Far from it. Sipping coffee and smoking cigarettes with Lebanese army officers at the SSNP's new office, just off Bikfaya's main street, the brother Walid in 1980. He coastal territory running north Syrian tanks has automati- unexpected nightmare for the Captain - he likes to be called threw himself at me. He was from Beirut's port. President

ragtag army of bearded youths But I told him that I had not with red headbands and new come to seek revenge. He to be reorganised next week fatigues could be fighting on behalf of the Syrians. The mainly Christian SSNP

vocates Syrian nationalism One of them, the Captain says, and proposes the unification is to hold Bikfaya until the of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Lebanese Army arrives in full. Palestine, Iraq, Kuwait and But perhaps the most im-Cyprus. Its roots are in the portant - which he does not mountains of Lebanon. So, admit - is connected with when General Aoun's 5th Syria's mid-term objective in nearby hills of Dhour Choueir the Phalangist "Lebanese on Saturday, the Captain led Forces" militia of Samir his lorries and military vehicles into the heart of the them as "the most dangerous into the mountains, he was rival Phalange Party's and destructive thing in country.

He remembers his entrance into Bikfaya well. "Here I was come of the Syrian army driving my "Jeep" when I saw presence in east Beirut, he still this Phalangist who killed my refuses to give up the strip of

"THE Captain" is a big, that and would not reveal his crying, pleading with me to Hrawi and the Syrians have inter-Christian conflict. Mr balding militiaman with a name - looks like a man with spare his life. I could have shot apparently decided to be Georges Saade, the leader of could not believe it," he added with a chuckle.

Then there is a long puff of is a curious and ambitious smoke. "We are here for Lebanese organisation. It addifferent reasons," he says. Geagea. The Captain refers to

Despite Mr Geagea's wel-

The government is expected

and it is expected that Mr Geagea will be invited to join it, provided he dismantles his powerful militia. If he does not, the Syrians will probably ask the Captain and Elie Hobeika, the leader of the Syrian-wing of the "Lebanese Forces" to persuade him. Mr Hobeika, the militia

commander who led the Roumieh prison. Yesterday, massacre of Palestinians in the Brigade was defeated in the Lebanon: the neutralisation of Sabra and Chatilla refugee. camps in 1982, has personal scores to settle with Mr ported that among those freed Geagea. He was ousted as head of the "Lebanese Forces" in 1986 and forced out of the elect Bashir Gernayel, who enclave by Mr Geagea for was killed by a bomb explobeing too complacent with sion in 1982. Mr Chartonni is

> Mr Hobeika's return to the And, just like the Captain's enclave on the back of the men, he could become an cally provoked fears of a new

Georges Saade, the leader of the Phalange party, the largest Christian party, has already accused Mr Hobeika of harassment and revenge attacks and yesterday warned that his followers are ready to confront threats. The Syrians are making it

clear that the SSNP is bound to make a comeback. On Tuesday night Syrian soldiers were reported to have freed a number of inmates from the the newspaper An Nida, the organ of the pro-Syrian Lebanese communist party, rewas Habib al-Chartouni, the reputed assassin of presidentone of the heroes of the SSNP.

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Federal breakdown nears as Bush vows to veto budget plan

came closer yesterday as Presithe tax-raising budget proposal passed by the House of Representatives on Tuesday.

deadline for a deal drew cent. There would be a one-closer, the Senate spent the year freeze on inflation adjustday struggling with an alter-

"reconciled" by a joint com-mittee of the Senate and The House bill has the sup-House before being sent to the White House for signature. If president and Congress cannot agree, there is a growing possibility of Mr Bush bringing matters to a head by allowing federal spending authority to lapse, throwing large areas of American life into confusion in the run-up to the November 6 elections.

The House bill, which contains the largest set of tax ers. Republican senators conincreases and benefit cuts proposed on Capitol Hill, was passed amid acrimonious raise more than \$175 billion

in American government contributing to the total targetted reduction in the majority is only 55 to 45. dent Bush said he would veto federal deficit of \$500 billion during that period.

Marginal tax rates for the highest earners would rise As the Friday midnight from 28 per cent to 33 per ments for income tax rates native budget, which has no and personal allowances explicit income tax rises and which the president would probably endorse.

raising the tax bill for a family of four earning \$40,000 by more than \$300. Taxable in-The two meaures have to be come over \$1 million would

> port of about half the Democrats in the Senate too, where numerous competing plans and half-plans circulated yesterday. The latest is backed by the influential Democrat senators, Sam Nunn of Georgia and David Boren of Oklahoma, and backs a bigger capital gains tax, as wanted by Mr Bush, as well as higher rates for top income-tax paytinued to make clear that they would accept no rise in income tax rates, even in return for capital gains concessions. Some Republican votes are almost certain to be needed

for a successful package in the Senate, where the Democrat

President Bush missed the first game in the baseball World Series to monitor the House vote. Afterwards he condemned it as a "partisan vote which turned back the clock through a tax increase on working men and women. That's why I will veto it should it reach my desk".

The president is under growing pressure from conservative advisers to let the government's spending authority fall and to mount a heightened campaign to blame the Democrats for the consequences. Democrats are increasingly convinced, however, that they have the president in a corner and that Mr Bush will find it hard to deflect public anger over a closure of government services. The Republicans are braced to receive the brunt of the voters' rage on November 6, and although this may not cost many seats, it could be a decisive blow against the party taking control of the Senate during the Bush presidency.

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Flame throwers: radical South Korean

Mak, North Korea's prime mi status quo. Although North Kotea's reaction was expected, South Korean officials viewed it as discouraging.

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far right

From Gavin Bell.
IN JOHANNESBURG

FIGHTING a rearguard ac-

South Africa's right wing has

gress of the Conservative

tightrope on way to reform From Andrew Lycett IN ADDIS ABABA THE triptych of Marx, Engels and Lenin may have been re-moved from Revolution Square in the centre of Addis Ababa, and the triumphal arch exhorting workers of the world to unite crudely whitewashed over on the road to the airport. But some things do not hange in Ethiopia. The war in the north grinds on, and President Mengistu's press gangs roam the streets of Addis Ababa looking for new army recruits.

Mengistu

walks a

They began a new drive last weekend. "We call them musclebrains, because they can't think," said Wolde, 22, a university arts student. They're not interested if you're a student. They throw away your ID card, give you a gun, and put you on a heliopter to a training camp in the south." Recruits spend six weeks there before joining the armies in Eritrea and Tigré.

Wolde is one of the growin band of Ethiopians disaffect from President Mengistu's military regime and, unlike even a couple of years ago, willing to say so. In May, after the execution of 12 generals involved in a coup plot, strength for the first time since the overthrow of the late emperor, Haile Selassie, in 1974. Two were killed when riot police opened fire, and the

The new academic year sees
Ethiopia at a watershed. On
the one hand, there are tentative moves towards economic liberalisation, particularly in land tenure and agricultural marketing. A tangible spirit of glasnost prevails as the autocratic President tion against liberal reforms, Mengistu stuggles to find a

come up with a new strategy On the other hand, the war for forcing the government to call a general election — a tax is all-encroaching, and no apologist can pretend the government is winning. Recent re-verses, particularly the fall of the crucial Red Sea port of Calls for a campaign of civil disobedience, including the disruption of public meetings Massawa to the Eritrean Peoaddressed by cabinet minple's Liberation Front in Febisters, evoked an enthusiastic ruary, have intensified aspects response at the national conof the military society.

Liberalisation and the war

Party, at which President de are inextricably linked. Over Klerk was compared with the past year, the International Nuremberg war criminals. Monetary Fund and the World Bank have thrashed Fiery rhetoric preceded the unanimous adoption of a out a policy framework programme with the Ethiopian resolution calling on the National Party government to resign immediately and hold government. This calls for a an election, because it was nomic incentives, price reducacting against the will of the tion and currency devaluamajority of whites. tion, in return for Western Ferdie Hartzenberg, the financial support. However, deputy leader, said Conserthe West has declined to give

vatives should refuse to pay taxes, and pay them instead into a trust fund administered President Mengistu has been forced to redouble his by the party. Conservative MPs were prepared to go to jail for participating in the defiance campaign, he said. emphasising that he will go to any lengths except negotiating Meanwhile right-wing stu-

dents at Pretoria university heckled Gerrit Viljoen, the minister of constitutional development, when he tried to explain his vision of a postapartheid society. Dr Viljoen was interrupted repeatedly by calls for an election, and for an Afrikaner fatherland.

For Andries Treurnicht, the party leader, these are momentous times. Having seen his party winning almost a third of the white vote in the last elections a year ago, he is spoiling for a fight.

Dr Treurnicht received

standing ovation at a public rally in Durban when he declared the National Party had lost its mandate to govern as it no longer represented the majority of whites.

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support until expenditure on the war is curtailed.

peace efforts, while always

Mengistn: struggling to find political consensus

Warning of unrest by Malaysia leader

Still smarting from the withdrawal of an important coalition partner in the multiparty National Front, he could lose his position, although the National Front might conhave formed every govern-

The Christian-based Parti

political rival:

The PBS-led state govern-

minister, has given a warning of political instability should his National Front not be consider the demands after returned to power with a twothirds majority in the weekend general elections.

ment since 1957.

Bersatu Sabah (United Sabah Party or PBS) withdrew from with the opposition coalition Might) led by the former finance and trade minister, Tunku Tan Razaleigh Hamzah. Dr Mahathir's keenest

he came to power in 1981.

the federal government. It

By M. G. G. PILLAI IN KUALA LUMPUR DATUK Seri Mahathir Mo- wants a university in the state. hamed, the Malaysian prime higher oil royalties, and a television station. On Sunday, Dr Mahathir said he would

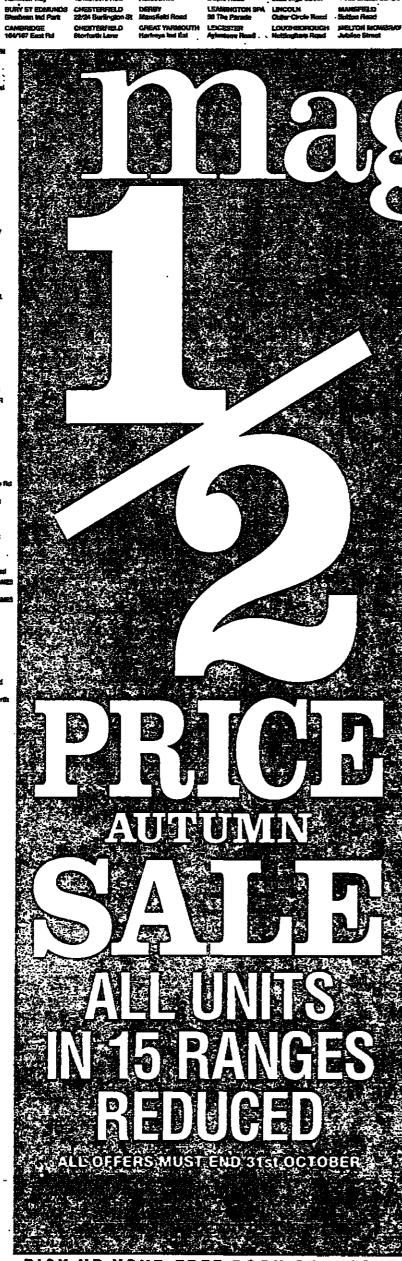
the general elections. The PBS withdrew from the coalition the next day. Malaysia's eighth general election since independence is likely to be the most keenly fought. For the first time, the governing and opposition coalitions have an even chance tinue to govern. The front or of taking power. Malaysia's its predecessor, the Alliance, multi-racial makeup ensures that no one can form the government without the backing of the three main races -

the Malays, Chinese and Indians - and of the states of the coalition and aligned itself Sabah and Sarawak. Dr Mahathir says omi Gagasan Rakyat (People's nously that the 1969 racial riots broke out when the government nearly lost its two-thirds parliamentary majority - as it is in danger of

With his dependence on non-Malay supportDr Mahathir's position is looking weaker than at any time since

Tunku Razaleigh has now won over three parties from the National Front. The PBS is expected to be returned in Sabah. He only has to be returned in another 40 constitment has felt short-changed by uencies to make the prime minister's position shaky.

doing again.





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Ukrainian hunger-strikers get their first taste of victory

WEARING a white head band with the inscription "I'm on hunger strike," one activist swigged water under the warm autumn sun. "Its my tenth day without food but I do take water, Taras said. Some 200 others, recognisable by their headbands, are doing likewise. A few have been on absolute deprivation but of these, two were taken away by ambulance and put in intensive care yesterday.

Around Taras, aged 30, supporters in an assortment of coloured headwear moved about with herb tea, fruit juices and water for those in white headbands. Among the recipients was Zosya, a grand-mother aged 53. "My granddaughter joined the strike and I

Ukraine's president has thrown the public a bone with Vitali Masol's resignation as prime minister. But as Nick Worrall reports from Kiev, that may not stop clamour for reform

stand for what she stands for so I of passers-by, many of whom were joined her," Zosya said. It was her third day without food.

Next to her, amid the hundred or so tents, two teenage girl students sat sipping herb tea. "It Natalya. "Yes, our first big vicwant." They seemed to be having

bid for a place in the leadership, not instead of Mr Gorbachev, but

alongside him. Strikingly absent from the op-

tions Mr Yeltsin outlined for Russia in the light of the new

economic document was any

suggestion that the federation

should split from the union. His

programme has called only for Russia to be allowed to run its

own affairs within a looser federal

The first option he proposed on

Tuesday was for the Russian

Federation to introduce its own

currency and tax system and

demand a division of property

between the centre and the republic - but not a political division.

His second option was for partial co-operation with the centre in the

expectation that the centre would

abandon its diluted version after

six months and join the faster

Russian programme. His third option, however, was

the most telling. This was for a

national coalition government in

which some ministers would be

appointed by the president, and

others by "supporters of radical

change", presumably including

himself. The only condition he set

was the departure of Nikolai

But Mr Yeltsin must have been

well aware of the president's views. Mr Gorbachev has re-

mained unswerving on three points; central fiscal control; a

single currency; and a single

customs regime. His priority has

always been to keep the Soviet

Union a recognisably single state.

This aim was partially disguised last month when he expressed his preference for the "500-day" programme, drafted by Stanislav Shatalin, over the more conser-

vative offering from Mr Ryzhkov.

But when Mr Shatalin claimed

that Mr Gorbachev had accepted

99 per cent of his plan, he was

right only so far as the number of

words was concerned. He ne-

glected to say that the 1 per cent of

changes were crucial because they

included reinstating the primacy

of the centre over the republics on

The latest document simply

key questions, especially money.

spells out the implications of those changes — something Mr Yeltsin would have been quite capable of

doing six weeks ago. That he has

spoken out only now suggests that

he has judged this the best time to

• Russian resignation: The co-author of the radical plan for the

transition to the market economy

resigned yesterday as deputy prime minister of the Russian

Federation, Tass said. Grigori

Yavlinsky said he was quitting

because it was unrealistic to hope

that Russia could carry out the

plan if the central government passed Mr Gorbachev's more

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moderate version. (Reuter)

seize his chance.

bureaucratic system.

shouting in support. Others

The huge crowds packing the city centre and constant disruption from marches have provoked fears that the conservative authorities will use force to clear the city. That worry increased when students succeeded three days ago in setting up a small 12-tent camp

mighty river Dnepr. Some deputies from the 239-strong majority conservative bloc of the Communist Party, which dominates the 450-seat parliament are call-

police reservists.

the crowd, a gap opened and three priests and two nuns from the Ukrainian Catholic Church, banned by Stalin in 1941 and still not officially reinstated by Moscow, walked through to chant blessings to the activisis.

A benign waterier was burly Major-General Valentin Nedrigailo, commander of Kiev police, imposing in grey greatcoat, red patches and capband. Asked if he would be ordered to disperse the students by force, he said that since Kiev council had agreed to allow the protest, his men's function was simply to keep order. This we are doing," he said. "And we are also providing protection for the demonstrators against those who disagree with

together." So did he sympathise with their demands? "I think everything they want will be fulfilled in time. But perhaps the young people are a litle mpatient

This evoked sharp disagreement from Larissa Skorik, a radical woman deputy who joined the hunger strike last Saturday. "But we are making progress." she said, "The government is frightened by what's happening and there are more than a million people, perhaps two million now, supporting the demonstration. There are tent cities springing up elsewhere in the Ukraine.'

But Miss Skorik believed the government could become desas in Azerbaijan in January, when 162 people died, or in Georgia in April 1989, when troops killed 20 demonstrators. "I think, though, that the police would not be happy about violence. It's possible they would even stand between the military and the people."

President Leonid Kravchuk has thrown the demonstrators a bone with the announcement that his prime minister will resign. But with popular opposition growing daily he may not be able to resist presure to go further. And that would signal the end of communist power in the Ukraine which, after Russia, is the Soviet Union's most populated and productive republic.

France to

restructure

nuclear

defence

capability

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

BEHIND a barrage of leaks to the

press, the French government is

preparing a comprehensive de-fence review that will end three

decades of reliance on the present

mix of its nuclear "dissuasion

forces". Before the end of this week, President Mitterrand is

expected to announce details of

France's response to the new

strategic challenges of the 1990s

and beyond, possibly involving a

decision to downgrade, or even abandon, further development of

the nation's ground-to-ground

Mitterrand, as head of state, may opt to retain only the airborne-

and submarine-launched missile

components of the independent

deterrent. A few days ago, Michel

Rocard, the prime minister, Jean-

Pierre Chevenement, the defence

minister, and the military high

command were summoned to the

Elysèe for a briefing on what had been decided.

A subsequent, evidently well-informed, report in the financial

daily, Les Echos, said defence

insiders considered the French

nuclear submarine force, five-

strong with another under con-

struction, as "the heart of our system of dissuasion". There could, therefore, be no question of

sacrificing any aspect of that

programme in the name of a

peace dividend": desence min-

istry projections envisage the sub-

marines remaining pivotal for

agreement here that the British

in the decision whether to reduce

the ground-based or airborne

nuclear arsenal. Advocates of

increased spending on a new air-

delivered weapon for use with

France's advanced Rafale fighter

say that approval from Margaret

Thatcher for joint development of

the proposed longer-range missile

(a decision is expected before the

end of the year) would provide a

significant financial incentive for

By some accounts, the French

would look to London to chip in

with Ffr 5 billion (£500 million)

for the project, which could

provide the British nuclear strike

force of Tornado aircraft with its

required new missile. It is acknowledged, however, that a competing programme put forward by America represents a threat to French hopes.

The fate of France's ground-to-

ground nuclear force, 18 S3

missiles in silos on the Albion

plateau in southern France, will be

Intriguingly, there is general

another 30 years.

going ahead.

nuclear missile capability. According to observers here, M

Sombre MPs prepare reply on Gorbachev market reform

From Mary Dejevsky in moscow

COMMITTEES and commissions of the Soviet parliament met behind closed doors yesterday to draft their response to what is regarded as positively President Gorbachev's last word on shifting the nation from central planning to a market economy without provoking a revolution.

Committee members would say nothing about their deliberations, which were believed to be subdued. A deputy chairman of the economic reform commission said its meeting had been completed within the morning and he did not want to say more because his words would "only be distorted". What had happened was 'no subject for a telephone conversation", but he would not

agree to a meeting.

However, the silence from the committee rooms was more than compensated for by the uproar occasioned by a stinging attack from Boris Yeltsin, the president of the Russian Federation, on the new economic document. His immediate dismissal of it as an attempt to keep the "command administrative system" in power was widely interpreted as marking the end of the uneasy coalition he had joined with President Gorbachev at the beginning of August and the start of open warfare between the Soviet-leadership and the federation. There are more subtle interpretations of his re-

Havel sacks minister of defence

Prague - President Havel of Czechoslovakia, dismissed Miroslav Vacek, his defence minister, yesterday and gave temporary control of the armed forces to Marian Calfa, the prime min-ister (Peter Green writes).

A presidential spokeswoman ed to comment on the reasons, but General Vacek, who had been army chief of staff and a Communist Party member under the previous regime, had been blamed for recent army attempts to cover up plans to suppress last November's "Velvet Revolution" by delaying the release of documents to a presidential commission of enquiry.

General Vacek has also been criticized for his slowness in implementing army command

Mosque meeting

Delhi - The Indian government has called multi-party talks to discuss the Hindu-Muslim dispute over an ancient religious site in the northern city of Ayodhya. The government coalition's principal partner, the right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party, said it would withdraw and bring down the administration rather than give up plans to dismantle an ancient mosque in

Convoy escort

Madrid - The Spanish interior ministry has assigned more than 1,000 Civil Guards to escort 400 foreign lorries, held up at the French border by striking Spanish lorry drivers. Fresh fish and produce have disappeared from supermarket shelves in several cities and factories are closing for lack of parts and raw materials.

Convent replaced

Building work has begun on a new convent to replace the controversial Carmelite convent on the site of the Auschwitz camp in Poland. According to a letter from Cardinal Josef Glemp, Primate of Poland, to Sir Sigmund Sternberg, a leader of the Jewish community in Britain, two storeys should be complete by winter.

Abduction claim

Stockholm - A Kenyan exiles group in Sweden has accused President Moi and an unnamed second country, of abducting and repatriating from Norway, Koigi wa Wamwere, the leader of the clandestine Kenya Patriotic Front He was arrested near Nairobi, having, according to the Kenya government, crossed illegally from Uganda to plot armed insurrection. (Reuter)

was a great joy for us to bear that Masol would resign," said tory," said Olyana. "We'll be here until they give us everything wea good time. So did the thousands

bought flowers from street sellers and handed them to students.

outside the main door of par-

ing for a state of emergency.

There are 33 hunger strikers here, eight of them opposition deputies. By yesterday, more than 1,000 police had been drafted in to protect parliament. Only regular uniforms were visible around the building, but men in riot gear could be seen in the forest near by and two vehicles with water cannon were outside the health ministry. Dozens of lorries and buses betrayed the presence of

Amid a sudden commotion in



Opposition camp: Ukrainian nationalists protesting at their camp outside the Kiev parliament, where dozens have been on hunger strike in protest over proposals to transfer hard-currency earnings to Moscow. They are demanding the dissolution of parliament

EC farm compromise in the balance

From MICHAEL BINYON IN BRUSSELS

AMID rising tempers and growing confusion, European Community farm ministers meet in Luxembourg again tomorrow to seek agreement on a compromise package of agricultural subsidy cuts. But Brussels was itself locked in fierce argument yesterday over the controversial proposals, which critics say will ruin any chance of agreement with the United States in the current world trade

Ryzhkov, the prime minister. negotiations. The terms in which Mr Yeltsin criticised Mr Gorbachev's latest document lend credence to the view that his move was more a bid for joint power than a declaration of war. He complained that the proposed retention by the centre of many powers amounted to an attempt to preserve the old

America.

terday insisted that Ray MacSharry, the agricultural commissioner, had not given unconditional backing to the latenight compromise on Tuesday, which proposed special aid to cushion the blow to European farmers and significantly tough-

The attempt to tone down Mr MacSharry's original 30 per cent cut in internal price subsidies deletes his offer of an 8 per cent increase in the amount of oil-seed and cereal substitutes the US can

export duty-free to the EC. This sop to European farmers, worried about US encroachment in this market will infuriate American farmers who depend on Europe for ing the offer would also deprive the Community of its last bargaining card in the effort to get Washington to accept price and export subsidy cuts lower than those tabled by America in Geneva on Monday.

Tomorrow's meeting risks yet

ened the EC's posture towards another restatement of the same entrenched positions. Commission sources said that the whole issue might be taken over by foreign ministers meeting on Mon-

Mr MacSharry warned EC ministers on Tuesday that if they did not agree then and there to the compromise, he could not present his Brussels colleagues with a fait accompli that would persuade them to accept the modifications. trade commissioner, is leading the

fight for a less protectionist Community offer in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt). Sources said yesterday's commission row pitting Mr Andriessen against Mr MacSharry was likely to be protracted.

The compromise, drawn up by the Italian presidency softens the commission proposal in three ways: it insists that export subsidies - the real target of US wrath cannot be considered separately from the negotiations; it promises that sacrifices by farmers would be shared out in an "equitable" way. taking into account the particular difficulties of such members as the Mediterranean countries; and it commits the EC to a "fresh cultural Policy - a phrase designed to win the approval of Britain.

John Gummer, the agricultural secretary, said the EC's dithering played right into the hands of America, which has already lined up considerable support in Gatt for drastic cuts in farm subsidies.

Croats and Slovenes reject central rule

From Dessa Trevisan in Belgrade

YUGOSLAVIA was pushed closer to breaking up after Slovenia's representative stormed out of a closed meeting of the Yugoslav state presidency on Tuesday. Slovenia is threatening to do so again during the federal parliament's session, while Croatia has rejected a federal plan that would reshape Yugoslavia under a strong central government. The Slovene newspaper, Delo, said that the state presidency

meeting had shown that constructive talks on different ideas about Yugoslavia's future were impossible as the atmosphere in the country was rising to fever pitch. It quoted Janez Drnovsek, Slove-nia's representative on the state presidency, as saying that there was no willingness to discuss any other option except the one presented by Serbia and endorsed by President Jovic, himself a Serb.
President Jovic was due to

present to parliament last night the draft for the future federal structure of Yugoslavia, but the session was delayed after the representatives of Slovenia and Croatia said they would boycott parliament unless the confederal option was given equal treatment. Reaffirming Croatia's position in even stronger words than

hitherto, Franjo Tudiman, Cro-

tended by several hundred There will never again be an antisoil, and in particular, there landscape of bleak rock, uninvitcannot be a greater Serbia, nor a unitarian Yugoslavia." He added that should Croatia's sovereignty he threatened, the entire nation would come to its defence and, if necessary, use force.

atia's president, told a rally at- THE Mediterranean Express comes to an abrupt halt an hour thousand people in Zagreb: north of Knin Beyond the station of Gracac, in southern Croatia. the democratic power on Croatian line stretches through a barren ing even in less-troubled times. This is the fault line between Croat and Serb. and although nominally Croatia extends its rule from here down to the coast of



Return favour: Franjo Tudjman, the president of Croatia, waves to the crowd after restoring a statue of a Croat hero to Zagreb

Serb uprising leaves vital port isolated

no-go area. Since last month. when the Serbs in Knin seized arms to prevent what they believed was a Croat attempt to tighten Zagreb's control over the region, rail and road traffic has dwindled to a trickle. Shots have been fired at Croatian lorries attempting to reach the coast. There are daily reports of bombs and mines along the railway line.

"You must leave the train here. We cannot guarantee your safety beyond Gracac," the ticket collector, a Croat, explained to a handful of passengers hoping to reach the coastal city of Split hefore nightfall. The passengers shuffled off, talking of making a detour of 350 miles through

Trains now rarely go beyond Gracac. Nearby, road traffic ceases after dusk, though a Serb taxi driver runs the gauntlet of roadblocks, his Belgrade numberplate acting as a talisman.

At Gracac and at other stations further up the line towards Zagreb, tons of freight have been apparently abandoned in railway wagons. Destined for ships in Split and Zadar, their failure to reach the Dalmatian coast is costing Croating businesses more than £500,000 a week. Passenger traffic has virtually ceased and at the local office of Generalturist, the Croatian tourist agency, managers say the firm faces losses this season running into millions of pounds.

By controlling Knin, the Serbs paralyse the most important railway junction in Croatia, and attempts by the Croatian authorities to play down the conflict must ultimately fail as the economic burden cripples more and more of Zagreb's foreign-trade companies.

In Knin itself, life appears normal. Serbs say their action is designed only to protect them-selves against the Zagreb government ruled by a nationalist, rightwing party under General Franjo Tudiman. As far as the Serbs are concerned, this party is "fascist" and bears a strong similarity to the nazi puppet Ustasha state, which ruled Croatia during the second

sealed if, as some observers anticipate. M Mitterrand opts to drop a Ffr 30 billion modernisation programme. That would mean in effect maintaining Albion until the S3s become obsolete at the end of the century, leaving the field to the submarine-airborne systems. M Mitterrand hopes that unveiling this programme will end

establishment, where complaints about "paralysis" in defence thinking are freely expressed. It is not just a question of adjusting budgets or juggling arms projects. critics argue: France must decide now what tasks the armed forces should perform. That objective has not been

helped by the infighting among the different service chiefs about where the spending axe should fall. Nor does continuing uncertainty over the future of M Chevenement - whose evident lack of enthusiasm for the main thrust of French policy in the Gulf has complicated all defence decisions - make a smooth transition easy.

As it is, the Gulf confrontation has focused attention on France's ability to throw conventional forces swiftly into a troublespot far beyond the old "European theatre". The simultaneous use of les paras to hold the ring in Rwanda merely underlines the case for increased strategic flexibility.

Among the top brass in every service, there is a feeling that the debate, which officially concerns defence planning for 1992-96, comes at a moment when they are vulnerable to pressure for big spending cuts. The transformation of the geopolitical background against which the French military establishment must fight, against all the other national priorities, has sharpened the belief that it is crucial to get it right this time.

Crime syndicates tighten grip on Italy and economic weight of criminal

From Paul Bompard IN ROME

THE Mafia, the Camorra and the 'Ndrangheta are increasing their hold over southern Italy, gaining political control and economic influence over entire areas, according to a report by Italy's intelligence services.

The report was presented by Giulio Andreotti, the prime minister, only hours after the resignation on Tuesday of Antonio Gava, the interior minister, and as the government announced new measures to try to combat the spreading plague of organised crime. While the greatest alarm is caused by the growing political

organisations, the crime rate is also rising sharply. In the first six months of 1990, in the southern regions of Sicily, Calabria and Campania, there were 774 murders compared with fewer than 700 in the same period last year. Armed robberies also increased by about 20 per cent to 5,435 over the same period. In 1989, there were more than two million crimes reported all over Italy, compared

with 740,000 in 1980. According to the report, the Sicilian Mafia has 180 "families", with 4,000 members. In Calabria, the 'Ndrangheta has 140 cosche, or gangs, with about 5,000 members.

In Campania, the region around Naples, the Camorra is divided between the older and more powerful "clans", specialising in international drug trafficking, and a host of minor "clans" which operate on a local basis all over southern Italy - a total of more than 100 clans and 6,000 people. There are thus 15,000 full-time

operatives of three inter-linked organisations with, according to Signor Andreotti, connections with international crime and drug trafficking syndicates and sophisticated money recycling operations through finance houses and property firms in Milan. Signor Andreotti said that on

isations "influence the administration of the state and local institutions through murder, intimidation, and an occult guidance of the voters". President Cossiga declared recently that "entire areas of the national territory are beyond the control of the state". New measures announced by

the government include suffer sentences without parole, closer control of the allocation of public contracts, and tighter weapons laws. Many Italians fear, however, that organised crime is now a part of the nation's economic and political reality.

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Democrats misdirected

Anatole Kaletsky

moves into recession, banks teeter on the brink of failure and another government shutdown looms, the world's most powerful nation may appear to be sliding towards political and economic disaster. The truth is City, for instance, the top marless alarming but more complex. America does face a crisis: not of constitutional or economic disintegration, but of ideology.

The fundamental reason President Bush cannot agree a budget with Congress is that struggle between left and right has unexpectedly returned to American politics. For the first time in a decade or more, politicians are asking a taboo question: should the costs of government fall more on the rich or on the poor?

After the long period of false innocence and market-researched consensus that followed the Democrats' crushing defeats in three successive presidential elections, the breaking of the taboo on economic ideology is playing havoc with the rules of the game. The Democrats' decisive lurch

towards ideological warfare came on Tuesday night, when the House of Representatives passed a budget plan built around higher income taxes - an increase from 28 to 33 per cent in the marginal tax rate on incomes above \$186.000 a year, and a further 10 per cent surcharge on incomes above \$1 million. The ideological import of this was reinforced by Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the House tax-writing committee, who was one of the Reagan administration's most powerful administration's most powerful collaborators within the Democratic party. "People should be taxed according to their ability to pay," he said on Tuesday. "Simply stated, that means that high-income people should pay more than low-income people

The panic sown in the White House by this frontal attack on 1980s ideology was illustrated by President Bush's reaction. As public opinion polls revealed that 87 per cent of Americans on incomes below \$30,000 a year disapprove of current economic policies, he answered the call for higher taxes on millionaires with an insouciance worthy of Marie Antoinette: "If this budget bill reaches my desk. I will veto it because it raises the income taxes of the working men and women of

But though Mr Bush's initial response to this attack from the left was misjudged, his position is not necessarily weak or economically unsound. Politically, he still has American history, as well as powerful lobbying forces, on his side in the battle against egalitarian taxation. Economically, there are many good arguments against raising income tax rates in America which have hardly been heard in the misleading and casuistical debates of the 1980s about "supply side economics".

screening of The Green

Man, starring Albert Fin-

ney, has had pride of place on

our hall table for some weeks

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now. "At the Princess Anne

s the American economy incomes in many parts of America are already quite highly taxed by international standards. The present top marginal rate of 31 per cent appears low, but this takes no account of state and local taxes. For residents of New York ginal income tax rate is almost 45 per cent, which is higher than the rates in many European countries.

Americans often forget that their tax system is more comprehensive than most other countries'. Despite the complexity of the tax code, there are probably fewer loopholes and exemptions than, for example, in Britain. The main exception to this is the availability of unlimited deductions for mortgage interest. For the ductions on million-dollar mortgages would be much better than pressing for straight increases in taxes on income — and the party's leadership in the Senate seems to have grasped this, which may facilitate a compromise with the White House.

The third and most important objection to the American left's newfound preoccupation with income taxes is that it distracts them from the real fiscal issue at the heart of the country's social problems. What is unusual about America's fiscal structure compared with that elsewhere is not the low level of income and corporate taxes, but the negligible level of taxes on consumption. In most European countries, consumption taxes such as VAT and petrol duty account for 50 per cent or more of government budgets. In America, indirect taxes contribute only about 10 per cent.

Economists almost unanimously consider consumption taxes preferable to taxes on income, because they have less effect on incentives. But politically, consumption taxes have an even more important advantage. Unlike income tax, which arouses resentment with every pay cheque, indirect taxes become almost in-visible after an initial outcry. As a result, governments in other industrialised countries collect on average one-third more revenue than America in relation to gross national product, yet suffer less

resistance from taxpavers.
At present, the Democrats resist virtually all consumption taxes with a burning ferocity, on the grounds that they are less progressive than income tax. What they should realise, however, is that the social impact of a fiscal system should be judged as a whole, and not by individual taxes. If higher consumption taxes were to stave off cuts in social spending and, ultimately enable America to reach consensus in favour of a welfare safety net for its poorest citizens, the overall effect would be

highly progressive. If the American left really wants a fairer society, rather than merely to score debating points, this is

Don't all rush to follow Goldsmith

s capitalism compatible with greenery? When the ecology movement was born 20 years ago. its disciples answered "no." The rallying cry of the Club of Rome was zero growth. Since then, the debate has become more complex. Cleaning up pollution is expensive, so wealth must be generated to pay for it. It is the advanced economies that care and spend most on maintaining the environment. Capitalist companies have become more and more concerned to clean up their act, if only for reasons of longterm self-interest. Moreover, the worst environmental degradation

was to be found in the non-

capitalist economies of Eastern

The fundamentalist arguments, however, are bound to be reawakened by the dramatic decision of Sir James Goldsmith, capitalist entrepreneur par excellence, to forsake the world of commerce for a life as a benevolent green. Influenced by his brother Teddy, who started *The Ecologist* magazine in 1970, Goldsmith is deserting the world of the deal for a new purity.

The natural reaction, as with all prophets, is to write this off as an act of mild dottiness. But he is not alone. At least three other big businessmen and three former pop stars turned entrepreneur







Big names behind greenery: Bradman, McCartney, Goldsmith

have signposted the way. Godfrey Bradman, chairman of the Rosehaugh property company, Lord McAlpine, the construction magnate, and Sir Peter Parker, former chairman of British Rail, have all campaigned on green issues.

Adam Faith, the former singer and actor, is co-ordinating a project to save the black rhino in Tanzania. Paul McCartney and Sting are also converts to the green crusade. Their dedication is perhaps less total than Goldsmith's is shaping up to be, but mere eccentricity does not seem a sufficient explanation. Taken together, their careers have shown all to be astute, and (where necessary) ruthless. They are not creatures of whim.

Of course, there is nothing new

philanthropy. The Victorians were familiar with it. The "chocolate philanthropists", the Cadburys and the Rowntrees, were hugely influential in their time. Many good and progressive causes, including green ones, benefit even today from the support of the Rowntree Trusts. Mrs Thatcher's government has often cited their work as an exemplar of a way forward that alleviates the claims on an overburdened state. With greenery (according to the Prin-cess Royal in a speech earlier this month) increasingly siphoning funds from other charitable purposes, there is every reason why it will attract its share from such

Goldsmith is special in that he is openly giving up all commerce for his new cause. He has come round to believing that saving the rainforest and stopping global warming is more important than making more money; and his considerable forume will make him a powerful actor on the scene.

The motivation, of course, may be as much psychological as intel-lectual. Within many entrepren-eurial hearts, a tension exists between the frenetic day-to-day activity and a yearning to create and build something that will last.
The store of optimism on which
the successful capitalist depends
runs down. The day to meet one's
maker approaches. The worldly
pleasures that wealth brings begin to pail. This can give rise to vmandian tendencies and Sir James's huge environmental reserve in Mexico, devoted to organic farming and the collection

an attempt to leave a monument that time will not wither.

To understand all is to forgive all, and only a sour spirit will fail to respond, at any rate in part, to Goldsmith's endeavour. Other rich, and lesser, men retire to much more damaging activities, in the scale of virtue, saving rainforests beats driving powerboats or swilling champagne with models in an effort to recapture one's vanished youth. The money is his, made fairly according to the rules of the game. If he chooses to

spend it in this way, why not?

At the same time, it is to be hoped that Goldsmith's career reorientation will not be followed by all of his ilk. The arguments that once defeated the zero growth merchants retain their force.

The successes of Britain in the Eighties and the future successes of Eastern Europe in the Nincties, depend on the cultivation of the entrepreneurial spirit. If the entire world retreats into the laager as Goldsmith is doing, then poverty. unemployment, a degradation of social services and, yes, ultimately of the environment, will be the inevitable result.

Not everyone has the best part of a billion pounds to cushion a new-found unworldlin

David Lipsey

There's no point in knocking: just bring the house down

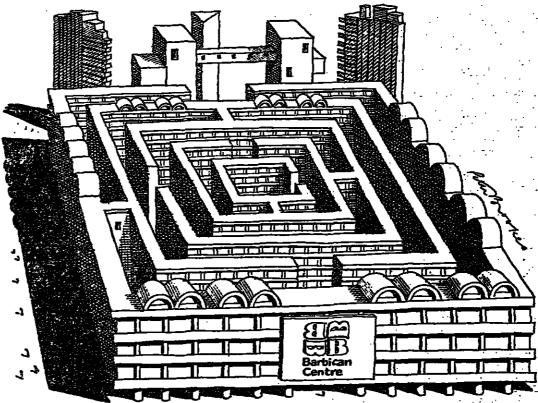
any years ago Sir Thomas Beecham was conducting an orchestral rehearsal in the Albert Hall when a gang of builders, engaged to do some substantial repairs to the fabric of another part of the hall, and knowing nothing of what was going on in the auditorium, opened up with a chorus of pneumatic drills. As the music petered out in the face of such competition, the maestro put down his baton and said: "Thank God, gentlemen, they are pulling the bloody place down at last."

They were not; and in time we all grew to love the monstrous thing, particularly when the Festival Hall was built and we no longer had to go there except for the Proms. But no one has come to love the Barbican Centre, and no one ever will or could, and my heart leapt in joy the other day when a too-hastily read headline suggested that they were pulling that bloody place down at last.

They are not, alas; they are only commissioning a study of this monstrous off-white elephant with the intention - quite hopeless, of course - of redesigning the interior to ensure that customers can find the part of the building they are looking for in less than threelack of a sense of direction so extreme that I have difficulty in telling my right hand from my left. have to be taken by the arm and put firmly in my seat, but even strong men who have traversed the Gobi desert blindfold can be seen weeping with frustration and rage, as they go up staircases that lead nowhere but down again, and lifts that deposit a theatre-goer at the library and a concert-seeker at

I should have known. On the night the Oueen ceremonially opened the building. I was, and by no means alone, attending to my needs in the gentlemen's lavatory. when Lady Antonia was ushered in by a disorientated and flustered guide. As you would expect of one so self-possessed, she rose handsomely to the occasion; without fainting or even (as far as I could see) blushing she made an unhurried exit, and we all finished what we were doing and straightened our black ties, not least, perhaps, because we had been sharply reminded of the

Bernard Levin believes plans to make the Barbican more accessible should be scrapped and a fresh start ordered



ancient rubric. "Please adjust dress before leaving." The Barbican should sell com-

passes, and no doubt the survey will advise it to do so. But no amount of tinkering will make this gruesome labyrinth user-friendly. And within the general tragedy, there is a more specific one. The interiors of both the principal auditoriums - the concert-hall and the theatre - are admirable; the sweep of the seating is attractive, the steps are well-measured, the sight-lines excellent, the rows spaced so generously that nobody has to stand up to let others get to their places (do you hear that, Bayreuth?) and the seats comfortable and handsomely upholstered.

Alas, would that the auditoriums were the whole of the building, for they are surrounded by a grim mediocrity that lowers the high spirits the halls induce. For even if you stay in your seat in the interval (and why should you be obliged to?), you cannot avoid having to pass through the shoddy mess that is the rest of the building, and pass through it at least twice, moreover,

coming and going. It isn't as though the building is physically hopeless but loved by the performers (such as my dear Wigmore, which is loved by performers and audiences alike, though the frieze at the back of the platform can give you night-mares); the Royal Shakespeare Company unanimously regards the Barbican with a fierce and abiding loathing, and has done so

since the doors opened. The whole place is owned by the City of London, and no one who takes a stroll among the City's most prominent buildings will be surprised at the quality of the Barbican; indeed, the Barbican is much superior to the fruits of the cowardice and laziness that marked the first two post-war architectural generations of the Square Mile (we are only now seeing creations worthy of the space, such as the Lloyds building). and that make an all too fitting approach to the dismal failure of what should have been a beacon of hope, pleasure and cultural enrichment.

The very doorstep signals the disaster within; newcomers are certain they must have come to the wrong place, for nobody, surely, would seek the entrance of a place of entertainment in a disused coal-mine. Once assured, however, that there is no mistake. they step inside and are faced with a crazy system of "Levels". You and I, not being as clever as the people who devised the system, would think that visitors would at once, logically, go to the ground floor, and thence make their way to whichever floor held what they were looking for. Not so, the crazy paving of which the place is made precludes so sensible an approach. for it is practically impossible to know which level you are on, such is the way it is planned.

The bewildered visitor therefore looks about to find directions. They are there, to be sure, but they are not only singularly unhelpful, but are made in the limpest and most unattractive lettering imag-inable; whoever designed them most have been thinking that the regional airport. As for the decorative devices that are supposed to make the place a thing of beauty, or if not of beauty at least of excitement, Woolworths in its worst days would never have stooped so low or ugly.

nd so we come, ten years late, to the realisation that Something Must Be Done. The brief for the examiners is "to help people to find their way out of and around the term way out of a way of the term way of the te the centre, and to locate its key facilities, including the box office, shops and catering". (Shops? Shops? I have been to the Barbican at least 200 times, and the only shop I have ever seen there is the little kiosk that sells play-texts, T-shirts, decorated mugs and the like. Is there, somewhere in its hideous bowels,an arcade of shops that have been concealed from me

It won't work. The study will be made, recommendations will be accepted and even acted upon, signposts will be strewn throughout the building - why, it is not entirely impossible that an audibly intelligible public-address system will be installed. But nothing will be done, because nothing can be done, to lift the pall of disappoint-ment that the Barbican offers the moment the threshold is crossed. And when you think of some of the marvellous performances that have been given in the theatre and the concert-hall, the fact that visitors do not feel excitement, happiness and stimulation, but the pall aforesaid, is the most damning evidence that a great mistake was made at the beginning and however much tinkering is done. cannot be rectified.

My advice is to abandon the study and the tinkering alike, carefully preserve the auditoriums, pull the rest of the building down, throw it into the Thames and start again. The Thames will complain, but I can't help that.

disappointment: although the theatre is in her name, the Princess Royal was not present,

Piccadilly. Tuesday. October 16th at 7pm prompt," it states. and people who came to the flat - the Portuguese Maria who washes and irons, our window cleaner and occasional messengers bearing parcels - were impressed. You can tell. As an observer of the Hollywood scene and sometime subscriber to Secrets of the Stars up for the occasion.

...and moreover

CLEMENT FREUD

and Screen Idols. I know quite a bit about special screenings. They begin with a stretch limousine taking the artiste to Grauman's Chinese Theatre, where there is a patch of soft cement in which to leave the impression of one's foot, then a saunter along the red carpet beneath the canopy past the gaping, cheering crowd that strains against a wall of goodhumoured policemen and into the fover with its banks of lights and rows of photographers; here the carpet is deeper, and highheeled container-loads of minkencased womanhood parade under gallons of mascara top-

ped by acres of bouffant hair. A smile to Myrna Lov, an inclination of the head towards C. Aubrey Smith, oh look. there's Brando again. Next come the posse of journalists with their questions: No. one repeals, we are just good friends; yes, I certainly hope that the great public out there will lerve the film. There is something seriously

engaging about the movie business in general and first nights in particular, appearing in a production accorded such ritual is quite especially wonderful and yes, I play — as we say in the industry - opposite Finney. though my name is given an inferior position in the credits: this could be to do with the fact that he precedes me in strict ziphabetical order.

On Tuesday old Lady F said she would come with me, will it be smart? I told her to take off the sweatshirt I had given her for our ruby wedding outing, the one with A Wife Is Not Just For Christmas printed on the and I had set it all up.

back, and to put on her finery. The producers of The Green Man did not send a limo, so we drove: left Wimpole Street at 6.15 pm, which was wise, for much traffic was moving towards Piccadilly. Special screenings of three 50-minute episodes with Finney and me are, well, special,

I have to admit to an initial nor was Mr Albert Finney, nor what you would call much of an audience, nor fans; also we were the only ones who had dressed

The Green Man - to be shown on BBC TV later this year - starts irrelevantly with a gruesome scene in a forest, which turns out to be a dream from which Mr Finney wakes in a cold sweat. He then takes a bath, drinks some whisky, has an abortive attempt at empathising with his 14-year-old daugh-ter and chats to his elderly and infirm father, who calls him "a

This is mere foreplay, get on with it," I murmur to my wife. Finally Finney, who portrays an idiosyncratic, lecherous. alcoholic innkeeper, goes to his dressing-room to prepare for our scene: he drinks more whisky, glances at his dress shirts, selects a bow-tie, assesses his handkerchiefs, brushes his hair, dons a dinner jacket, inspects the kitchen, ogles a woman guest, meets his doctor. caresses the doctor's wife and then - you could hear the audience catch its breath, as when Sinatra begins to sing "My Way" - the door opens and Bernard Levin and I enter

the hand and disappear. Not a lot happens after that, though we sat through another two hours and 25 minutes of assorted scenes: nothing you would not encounter in an average East Anglian hotel with the possible exception of the many naked women, three ghosts, the gay vicar and the exhumation of a skeleton that looked in good nick considering how long it had lain beneath the soil . . . but I have said enough. I do not wish to give away the plot, such as it is, after Levin

the hostelry, shake Finney by

Gordievsky's Kremlin allv

ne of President Gorbachev's top advisers has told Western human rights campaigners that he is involved in "a tug of war" with the Soviet old guard over his efforts to secure exit visas for the family of KGB defector Oleg Gordievsky, whose story has been serialised in The Times this week.

Gordievsky, who now lives in London, has been separated from his wife. Leila, and daughters Marsha, ten, and Anyuta, nine, since he fled from Moscow, fearing for his life, five years ago. Earlier this month. Lord Bethell, former chairman of the European Parliament's human rights sub-committee, wrote to Fyodor Burlatsky, chairman of the Supreme Soviet's equivalent body, about the Soviet authorities' refusal to allow the family to leave. Burlatsky, a former speechwriter to Khrushchev and new close to Gorbachev, visited Brussels this week and told MEPs he would do everything in his quite considerable power to help to reunite the family. "This is a tugof-war between human rights bodies such as my own against the KGB and the ministry of internal

astairs," he said, Buriatsky also hopes to persuade the Soviet government to review the espionage laws and abolish the death penalty for spying. "With the increasing openness of Soviet society," says Bethell, "he thinks there is only one desirable thing left for Westerners to steal - beautiful Russian girls."

 Foreign Office career diplomats could not resist smirking at the discomfiture of Douglas Hurd's chief press officer in the Middle East, Brian Mower, who failed to prevent the leaking of Hurd's alleged remarks about the Pale-stinian homeland. In Foreign Office eyes, Mower's background at the Treasury and then with Hurd at the Home Office prevents him from ever being "one of us".

Taking the bait

nly a month after Sydney Opera House gave her a glorious retirement sendoff. Joan Sutherland is contemplating a sentimental comeback. The Australian-born singer is understood to be considering



one more "final" appearance - in little more than a walk-on role -Covent Garden in Strauss's Die Fledermaus on New Year's Eve. The production will be conducted by her husband, Richard Bonynge, and families should



of course try to see the New Year in together. Rumour has it that Bonynge is thinking about his wife's encore already; "I could have danced all night" from My Fair Lady is the current favourite.

"It is a Viennese tradition to have a surprise guest in Prince Orlovsky's party scene on New Year's Eve," says a spokesman. "We are talking to Dame Joan, but we are unlikely to be able to announce anything until the last minute. After all, a surprise is meant to be just that."

Waspish

alking to Booker Prize winner A.S. Byatt can be a dangerous pastime. Before you know it, there you are in her next novel, as well-known journalists whose names litter the pages of Possession have discovered. Among them is Nicholas Wapshott, political editor of The Obscreer, who lent his name to Mrs Wapshott, one of the least sympathetic characters in the novel. "We had a huge argument about 15 years ago and then didn't

speak to each other," says Byatt. "We were reintroduced at a party earlier this year and discovered that our argument had all been based on a misunderstanding, that we actually agreed."

And how was Byatt celebrating her award yesterday? "A taxi is waiting outside to take me to bank the cheque," she told the Diary. Then I am off to University College to talk with my French theorist friends. I need soothing."

Tell him: resign later

nly the swift intervention of the Tory chief whip, Tim Renton, prevented a second parliamentary private secretary resigning on the day that John Major's PPS, Tony Favell, quit the ranks. When government whips heard that David Sumberg, PPS for almost five years to the attorney general, Sir Patrick Mayhew, was also about to resign on Tuesday, he was swiftly summoned to Renton's office and asked to think again. However, he is still expected to resign before the next election, to give himself more time to defend his marginal seat.

Faveli's colleagues, meanwhile, are highly amused by the untimely annearance of an interview with him this week in The House Magazine. "I must be the longest serving PPS here and we get on very well together," says Favell of the man whose employment he was about to quit. He claims he and Major are "very relaxed" together, and says he knows what would embarrass the Chancellor. "If it is something which might embarrass him. I always ask first." Such as whether to resign at such a

Doubling up

russels Eurocrat Frederick Sorensen, head of the ECs air transport section, has appealed to airlines to impose a reservation charge to discourage businessmen and other travellers from making multiple bookings which they fail to honour or cancel. The practice, Sorensen believes, is directly responsible for the over-selling, by which bookings are taken for up to 20 per cent more seats than are available. The business-class ticket system allows passengers to retain the full value of the ticket even if the passenger doesn't show," he says. 'It should be changed."

Anyone who has been bounced off a flight for which they have a valid ticket will doubtless agree. A shame, then, that Sorensen, who is now charged with drawing up EC proposals to outlaw the practice, does not appear to be leading by example. For a visit to London last month, Sorensen's office reserved him a seat on a Sabena flight from Brussels, but he flew instead with British Airways. without cancelling his other reservation. There is nothing in the current airline booking system that prevents this," he says. "It is common practice." Hardly the point, surely,

• The thought of performing the musical Kismet, which kicks off with a number called "Beautiful Baghdad" proved too much for the Crewe Amateur Operatic Society at such a sensitive time. It has cancelled its forthcoming production. A pity, perhaps, given that the villain is a Saddam-like figure who ...ends up drowned in his own

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LEARNING FROM HISTORY

Margaret Thatcher is playing a dangerous game on education. After yesterday's muchpublicised meeting with her education secretary, John MacGregor, she should express confidence in him and leave him quietly to bed down her already vast reform programme. There is much scope for Tory radicalism elsewhere. Here is a case for consolidation.

The cause of the latest rumpus is Mrs Thatcher's teasing reference last week to vouchers, beloved of the party's right wing. Vouchers for primary and secondary education are seen as the logical last step in the delocalisation of state education. Schools would "go independent" (but under Whitehall supervision by hook or by crook), with a voucher for parents to take to whatever school they chose. This voucher could vary with income or geography and meet all or only part of the cost of schooling. Since it would have to include the 7 per cent of children in private schools, the system would inevitably cost more.

Ever since the 1960s, with the advent of "progressive" primary education and the steady demise of selective secondary schools, British state education has found itself on the defensive. Apparently falling standards, coupled with rising prosperity, have driven many parents into the private sector. The present government has sought to meet this dissatisfaction by helping parents to opt out it has established a tier of state-supported schooling partly or totally free of local council control, by means of assisted places at private schools. grant-maintained status for "opted-out" schools and "local management with open enrolment" even within the local council sector. Whatever political cosmetic surrounds these devices, the intention is to offer an escape from a uniform, comprehensive system for the middle class or clever child.

Common sense suggests that, up to a point, the injection of some such competition into part of any public service will probably improve the whole. The same ambition governs Mrs Thatcher's hopes for hospitals. The lack of such competition, coupled with the politicisation of staffing, underlay the demoralisation of much city education in the 1980s. Head teachers' freedom to spend within their budgets, greater flexibility for popular schools to bid for extra resources, the occasional opted-out rival to set an academic pace, have all brought fresh air into a

moribund local structure. Mr MacGregor claims that such reforms have many of the virtues of vouchers without the risk, complication and cost of a free-for-all.

But how much further should such competition go? Education is not just another marketplace service industry and ministers will commit electoral suicide if they suppose otherwise. Public education is a central civic function, its structure a mirror of the community round it. Mrs Thatcher's enthusiasm for vouchers is built, not just on her admirable love of choice, but on her aversion to local government. A new school system which enticed, say, over a third of parents in the more prosperous districts out of council schools and into quasi-independent ones would create social and educational apartheid. While the remaining council "sink" schools could be given extra money - though for how long? - there would be discontinuity and waste as parents chased teachers and fashions from one school to another. As the education director for Hammersmith and Fulham says in a letter today, this is threatened even now.

The state-maintained schools would suffer a different but no less inhibiting fate, drawn into the embrace of Whitehall. This government has shown its love of educational centralism in its curricular dirigisme. Mrs Thatcher has rightly berated her education ministers for this, but she goaded them into it. The belief that a centrally financed national school system would somehow be more independent, say in staffing or building, than one financed locally is a fantasy: look what Whitehall has done with the prisons and hospitals.

Throughout most of the democratic world, the best state schools are local schools, locally financed, locally supported, locally patronised. The government is right to permit an independent sector to keep the public sector on its toes, though why it should subsidise that sector is a mystery. But the crucial task of government is to promote, within the local authority sector, a sensible balance between efficient school management and the fair allocation of resources. It is no good pretending, as some Tories still do, that all parents can always have the state school of their choice, and making this a code for "all middle-class parents" is a dangerous deceit. In 1964, the Tories were tarred as the party of educational segregation and were thrown out of office.

LET THEM SELL CAKE

The Soviet Union can no longer afford socialism, but capitalism clearly costs too much. That is the core of President Mikhail Gorbachev's economic plan, published on Tuesday and instantly denounced by his rival, Boris Yeltsin. The president is trying to please both the party and the republics, by introducing the free market without abolishing the apparatus of central planning. His decision will not end an intellectual and political argument which has lasted too long.

The Soviet Union has been here before. Lenin tried to compromise between socialism and the market in his New Economic Policy. His premature death left the field open to Stalin's own cure for the country's ills, which appealed to those in the West who emphasised "modernisation" above all else.

Mr Gorbachev has calculated that, by leaving the machinery of control intact, he can neutralise what would otherwise constitute a formidable faction of disgruntled hereditary bureaucrats. Thus the prime minister, Nikolai Ryzhkov, and his cronies are now ludicrously charged with ensuring the success of a programme against which they have fought a long public war of attrition.

Mr Gorbachev's own position, at the apex of the Soviet nomenklatura, may not yet be strong enough to dispense with the political buttressing of the Moscow ministries. Though the Ukrainian premier was forced by popular protests to resign yesterday - shades of Poland and East Germany last year - Mr Gorbachev himself is not about to relinquish the field. But the Soviet president has not been persuaded of his own indispensability merely by the flattery of prime ministers or academies. He believes that if the Soviet state is to survive the coming winter, there must be one source of economic authority, able to overrule the republics. President Gorbachev hopes to appear as a de Gaulle, silencing the parliamentary cacophany. Aware that they might be walking into a trap,

to have decided to defer unilateral action and watch the Soviet juggernaut seize up in the arctic twilight of communism. The legal status of private property will not be enshrined above a state which has always had confiscatory tendencies. The reservoir of paper roubles will not be drained. Privatisation will apparently follow neither the western models for selling state assets, already adopted in Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia, nor the alternative strategy of free distribution.

Nor has the Soviet government any plans to nurture the new commercial class which even the most rudimentary market economy needs. on which the rule of law and democratic institutions depend. That class, though small and vulnerable, was palpably present in central Europe long before 1989. In the Soviet Union it is only just emerging.

Mr Gorbachev and the Soviet state will, it seems, be left to incur the wrath of the people. A record grain harvest last summer, despite colossal waste, means that nobody (in the cities, at least) is likely to starve this winter. On the other hand, the retreat from central Europe, the weakening of the militaryindustrial nexus, and above all the presence of Mr Yeltsin, could combine to precipitate a political collapse. Economic decrepitude cannot of itself bring down an established power structure - however extreme Ceausescu's impoverishment of Romania, there had to be a coup to bring him down - but it has already provided Mr Gorbachev's democratic opponents with the propaganda weapons they need.

Mr Gorbachev has always triumphed by extemporisation, never by the cogency or candour of his policies. His decision to eschew consistency in economics is quite in character. It is also a calamity for the Russian people. Unless their patience is unlimited, it looks as though Mr Gorbachev may for once have miscalculated. His plan does not deserve western financial support.

THE HURD MENTALITY

Dogged though his visit to Israel has been by accidents and gaffes, Douglas Hurd cannot entirely blame the black farce on the relentless operation of Murphy's law. The truly avoidable error was the trip itself.

Mr Yeltsin and the Russian democrats appear

Since Iraq invaded Kuwait, Mr Hurd has made the most of the somewhat mysterious esteem in which Britain continues to be held by Arab governments. His visits to the Gulf states and Egypt have helped to strengthen the anti-Iraq coalition. His decision last month to include Israel in these peregrinations was a reckless concession to the Foreign Office's claim to a "role" in the Palestine dispute.

With or without the killings in Jerusalem, which took place after the visit had been fixed, no worse time could have been chosen. Visits by a British foreign secretary are as rare as they have been dogged by misfortune: Lord Carrington was there when Argentina invaded the Falklands in 1982. Even if Britain had influence in Israel, the visit could only give prominence to the Arab-Israeli conflict just when any linkage with the Kuwait invasion was least desirable. Since Britain has almost no influence, what compensating benefit could

Mr Hurd have hoped to derive? The damage began even before he departed. with a speech that blurred the clarity of Britain's policy on the Gulf by criticising Israel's "misguided" policies in the occupied territories, urging it to seize the chance for a settlement which, he believed, would be created by Iraq's defeat and pouring sympathy on the Palestinians. Mr Hurd is too experienced to have expected his denial that this constituted "linkage" to be taken seriously.

The first warning followed: the Israeli government advised the cancellation, on "security" grounds, of his plans to open a British Council centre in the Gaza Strip. Nothing daunted, Mr Hurd set off, buoyed by the prospect of a lunch with Palestinian leaders and promising to talk tough to the Israelis who, he said confidently, "don't like people who are mealy-mouthed". Once there, his diplomatic training naturally reasserted itself. He set out to please everybody, with predictable results.

Neither side has ever been further from the "mean compromise" in which diplomacy's truth ever lies. The Israeli government coldshouldered his suggestion that Israel reject the UN Security Council resolution and cooperate with the investigators dispatched under that resolution. Could Mr Hurd have expected otherwise? Next it was the Palestinians' turn to be outraged. The foreign secretary may well have been misquoted as saying that Britain was "opposed" to a Palestinian state, when all he did was repeat the familiar British position that Palestinians should be able to decide their own future. But then anything short of unequivocal support for such a state

was unlikely to dispel Palestinian suspicions. For a British foreign secretary to be bizarrely denounced as both pro-Palestinian and pro-Israeli inside 24 hours shows the danger of such exercises in futile interventionism. That Britain was once involved in the politics of the Levant confers on the Foreign Office, or the British government, no continuing responsibility for resolving its conflicts. Mr Hurd is not the first minister to succumb to an overdose of history. May he be the last.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opting out for primary schools From the Director of Education, management of schools and

London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham

Sir. The Government's stated policy is that local education authorities should be reducing the number of places in primary schools in line with the falling school population.

Hammersmith and Fulham has existed as an education authority for only six months. We inherited a situation of vast over-provision of primary school places compared with the number of children of primary school age in the borough.

With the support and, indeed, at the behest of the Department of Education, we undertook an early review of primary provision with the stated aim of closing and amalgamating schools. We undertook a thorough consultative exercise, endeavouring to obtain consensus around agreed educa-tional criteria which should be used to make decisions on closure. These criteria relate to the National Curriculum and local

management of schools and have commanded widespread support. However, it is too much to expect individual schools to happily ac-

quiesce in their own closure.

By seeking to extend the possibility of opting out to primary schools (report, October 11) Mr MacGregor has driven a coach and horses through our, or any other LEA's ability to exercise its legal responsibility for planning primary provision properly. This would make it impossible for local authorities not just to implement their own policies, but to implement one of the major policies of the Government in relation to

reducing surplus places. I hope we do not get the blame when we are unable to carry out those responsibilities effectively. Yours faithfully, CHRISTINE WHATFORD, Director of Education, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. Ground Floor, Banda House. Cambridge Grove, W6, October 12.

view of the assisted places scheme.

surely a very good way, in due

course, of raising standards. Better

still, of course, is grant-main-

tained status, a path I recommend

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial

wholeheartedly.

Yours faithfully.

Headmaster.

October 16.

effective.

A. S. J. PELLEGRINI,

89 Addison Road, W14.

From Mr Robert Chambers

Local financial management is

Education vouchers From Mr David Martin, MP for

Portsmouth South (Conservative) Sir. Ronald Butt's strictures (October 15) on the lack of a coherent Conservative theme for future domestic policy included scorning education vouchers, while urging the Government "to address the fundamental question of how to create a fully independently managed and centrally state-funded school system freed from local authority and teachers'

politics". That is precisely what supporters of education vouchers see as the central objective. Instead of begging the question, can we have Mr Butt's better alternative to achieve it?

Yours faithfully, DAVID MARTIN. House of Commons. October 15.

From the Headmaster of the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial

Sir. I am at a loss to understand why education youchers are back on the Government's education agenda. It cannot be to support independent schools. After all, the independent sector is said to be booming, scarcely surprisingly in

Sir. Nicholas Hinton is the Direc-

tor-General of the Save the Child-

ren Fund, an organisation which

continually and rightly stresses the

continuity of its work in many

countries here and overseas as

against the one-off emergency

work occasionally undertaken

with the five members of the

Disaster Emergency Committee.

It was therefore surprising to find

him applying such contrary reasoning to the "40 associated agencies" of the United Nations ("Wanted: a LIN book-keeping

Those of us who have seen, over

many other UN agencies in such

force", October 9).

Relief agencies

From Sir Noel Moynihan

countries as Afghanistan, Benin, Burkino Faso, Iran. Turkey and countless others can never doubt the great humanitarian advantages brought to them wherever

the assistance is given. to do so. Yours etc

NOEL MOYNIHAN, the past 30 years or more, the never-ending work of UNDP, Unesco, UNHCR, WHO and Herstmonceux Place. Flowers Green. October 12.

Directory enquiries From Prebendary John C. de la T. Davies

Sir, There are two classes of directory enquiries for which it would be unfair of British Telecom to make any charge (report, October 11). There should be no charge for answering an enquiry for a new number not yet in the directory. How else can we discover them?

There should be no charge for answering an enquiry for a number on an exchange within one's local area, if the exchange and its numbers are not included in one's own directory.

For instance, there are 14 exchanges excluded from our directory but in our local area. among them such useful places as Abergavenny and Monmouth. and, believe it or not, Longtown Castle, which is part of our south Herefordshire district and our rural deanery of Abbeydore; in-

Hereford. October 11. From Mr Richard Masters

appropriate to our needs. Our "local" directories (ordinary and Yellow Pages) contain the names of subscribers 30 miles to the north on the other side of Bristol but not some of those on our own exchange who live in villages two miles to the south.

Planning gain

From Mrs A. J. Carlyon Sir, I see planning gain (letters, September 10, 20, 28) as a temptation to the hard-pressed elected members of a district planning committee to agree to a planning application because they know that the need is there and that there is no other way of funding the project without the developers' financial assistance.

We in Cornwall are suffering from exactly the same disease as Oxford (September 28), namely over-development. Our infrastructure is fragile and is stretched

On the wrong lines

to the limit, but still the develeration yet again. Is this really democracy?

(Chairman, Carrick branch, Rural England), 3 Strangways Villas, Truro, Corawall.

From Mr Scott McIntosh Sir. Matthew Parris's column on trams (October 6) was amusing, but he was wide of the mark in his understanding of modern tram-way (or light railway) systems.

The Blackpool system is of course now rather outdated, but nevertheless it is still a fine example of how electric traction can move large crowds faster and with less damage to the environment than can any motor system. Modern trams can carry over 20,000 passengers an hour in each direction on twin tracks; to carry the same number in private cars would require ten lanes in each direction.

Among the "nine things" Mr Parris clearly did not know about light railways, also include the facts that "one short circuit" does not halt tram or train systems: that modern trams can run up to 50 mph, with better acceleration than road vehicles because of the smooth ride of railed vehicles: that noise measurements in France and the Netherlands show the noise emitted by a bus to be twice as great as that from a modern tram; and that accidents per passenger mile on European tram-

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Price of books at authors' cost?

From Mr Martin Short Sir. As an author whose last book rose to third in the non-fiction best-seller lists, I welcome Dillons's defiance (report, October 15) of the net book agreement. What infuriates me is the power of another chain of bookshops to secure a vast profit at my expense.

Studying my latest six-monthly returns I was shocked to see that, on 18,227 paperback sales (half the total), my 71/2 per cent royalty had been calculated not on the cover price of £4.99 but on £2.41. This reduced my royalties from £6.821 to £3,294, or 18p a copy. When I asked why, I was told that one chain now has so much market clout that it had squeezed a discount of over 50 per cent out of my publisher. This gave my publisher the contractual right to pay me only on the discounted price, yet the chain was selling my book for the full £4,99.

Terry Maher, of Dillons, is slashing prices at no cost to authors, even though his discount is far less than that commanded by his biggest competitor, which still expects the public to pay top whack.
Having taken 18 months to

research and write my latest book, I am depressed by the fact that, whatever its sales, my profit will be almost nothing. It seems the only way even a best-selling writer may survive in future is to buy copies of his or her own book at author's discount and sell them by mail order from home. Yours indebtedly. MARTIN SHORT.

10 Stucley Place, NW1. October 16.

From Mr Ian Clark Sir. Stuart Maclure ("Giving Sir, I fear that you have allowed vouchers a sure start in life", slick publicity to sway your objectivity (leading article, October 15). If the net book agreement October 16) argues cogently for the "sure fire winner" of nursery school vouchers and rightly points were to be abolished it is true that out on the way that a full educational voucher scheme is some book prices would fall, but only the best sellers. American now feasible and possibly cost

What he does not point out is that it would require no extra legislation from central Government if a go-ahead local authority was to choose to make educational arrangements, either nursery or all education, on this basis.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT CHAMBERS (Assistant Director), The Freedom Association, 35 Westminster Bridge Road. SE1. October 16.

emphasising the inadmissibility

Mr Hinton is right to draw new attention to the bureaucratic processes in the UN apparatus but his suggested solution to the climbing of the cumbersome Olympus he however necessary. If governments cannot control the UN and the LIN is incanable of policing itself, it will not suffer an international non-governmental unit

Near Hailsham, East Sussex.

deed our rural dean lives at Longtown near its castle! Yours sincerely, JOHN C. de la T. DAVIES, Peterchurch Rectory.

Sir, British Telecom's decision to charge for calls to directory enquiries would be less objectionable to people in towns like this, situated on the edge of one of its arbitrary areas, if the directories provided free were more

Yours faithfully, RICHARD MASTERS, 14 Wick Hollow, Glastonbury, Somerset.

opers press on in the name of progress. Planning applications are heard and refused, appeals protracted but eventually dismissed by the Department of the Environment, but within months the same application is before the planning committee for consid-

Yours faithfully, ARMOREL J. CARLYON Council for the Protection of

> way systems are significantly lower than on the corresponding bus systems.

Modern materials allow overhead wiring to be light and inconspicuous; one of my colleagues was once wrongly accused of having it "touched out" of photographs he was displaying at a public meeting. And finally, trams do not pollute the towns they run in - power stations may pollute but technology exists to remove almost all the pollutants. Yours faithfully,

Nor is it necessarily true that lower book prices lead to increased book sales. Most studies have shown that the book market is relatively inclastic. General economic conditions and consumer confidence have a much greater bearing on book sales than unit prices. How else do you explain the volume increase in

books sold in the UK during the

1980s, when book prices also rose

much faster than general inflation? During the 1980s American books have been much more expensive than their English equivalents, one reason why our publishers have enjoyed a buoyant export trade. The temporary weakness of the dollar may have changed the situation for a few titles, but most American backlist titles are still more expensive over

If you are really so keen to see American discounting over here. are you willing to accept the wholesale (rather than retail) price maintenance that is statutorily enforced over there? Our publishers could then only grant quantity discounts to booksellers that could be economically justified in a court of law as resulting from proven cost savings. The large overriding discounts demanded by our major chains would be swept away. Our smaller booksellers would enjoy competing on such terms - all they ask for is fair competition on a level playing

The opponents of the current agreement have twice recently failed to convince the Office of Fair Trading that there is sufficient evidence to take to the restrictive practices court, where the NBA must be judged. The supporters of the agreement - a significant majority of both publishers and booksellers - do have some powerful arguments on their side.

Yours sincerely. IAN CLARK. 4 The Crest. Surbiton, Surrey October 16.

Resolution 242 From the President of the Board of

experience has demonstrated that.

outside the "top 30", average book prices have actually risen since the

early 1980s, when discounting

Deputies of British Jews Sir, Professor Harold Lydall (October 13) refers to the United Nations Security Council resolution of November 22, 1967. The key words in that resolution are

of the acquisition of territory by war. . . ' Mr George Brown. Foreign Secretary at the time, writing to the then President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, interpreted Resolution 242 and stated that it did not impose any requirement upon Israel to withdraw from any territory in advance of a permanent settlement

for peace. I drew this correspondence to the attention of Mr William Waldegrave. MP. Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, in March, 1989. I subsequently received a letter from his office, confirming that her Majesty's Government fully accepts and stands by that interpretation of Resolution 242.

Yours etc., LIONEL KOPELOWITZ. President.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews. Woburn House. Tavistock Square, WC1 October 15.

From Mr Steven H. Fruhman Sir, Resolution 242 calls for Israel to withdraw from territories (not

Yours faithfully. STEVEN H. FRUHMAN The Glen,

Hospital security

From Mr Colin Goodhind Sir, I was instrumental last year in establishing a security management system to control movement throughout a Portsmouth hospital, mainly during the hours of darkness. Just under 4,000 staff wear identity badges, many doubling as access cards for authorised personnel, allowing them into predetermined areas.

The system has resulted in a general atmosphere of security awareness from which staff and patients benefit.

In my opinion this would have gone a long way towards preventing the recent assault on a young girl in a Carshalton hospital (reports October 15, 16) and should be considered before elaborate closed-circuit TV systems, manned guarding and all the other methods susceptible to human failing. Yours sincerely, COLIN GOODHIND,

Longford House, I Longford Road. Melksham, Wiltshire. October 16.

SCOTT McINTOSH (Light Rail Development Planner), London Transport. 55 Broadway, SW1. October 12.

"the territories" as stated by Professor Lydall) occupied in 1967. The omission of the definite article, which was not accidental. was intended to make clear that a complete Israeli withdrawai was not contemplated.

It also calls - this is scarcely ever mentioned - for

termination of all claims or states of belligerency, respect for and ack-nowledgement of the sovereignty. territorial integrity and political independence of every State in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognised boundaries free from threats or acts of

Contrary to Professor Lydall's everything to the fact that, with the exception of Egypt, no Arab State has either recognised Israel. terminated its claims or state of belligerency, or recognised Israel's political independence or territorial integrity, within secure boundaries or otherwise.

Professor Lydall is not, however, alone in his error - Mr Hurd told Jeremy Paxman on News-night last Thursday that 242 required Israel to withdraw from "the occupied territories". If academics and politicians get the facts right they will be better placed to reach sustainable conclusions.

34 New Hall Road. Saiford. Manchester 7. October 15.

Harking back From Mr Russell Chamberlin

Sir, To describe Melina Mercouri "the Greek actress turned socialist politician" (report, Octo-ber 16) is a bit like describing Margaret Thatcher as "the English chemist turned prime minister".

Melina Mercouri's heyday as actress was some little while ago. Her socialist loyalty is a continuance. And while, in Britain, many may have bristled over her espousal of the Elgin Marbles, would that we, too, Sir, had somebody, as in your report (earlier editions), with the determination "to restore pride in the capital's cultural heritage".

Yours etc. RUSSELL CHAMBERLIN, 3 Harvey Gardens, Addison Road, Guildford, Surrey. October 16.

Turning a phrase

From Dr Angela Paterson Sir, It can be amusing to compare metaphorical equivalents in different cultures, as does your correspondent Mary Booth (October 13), but occasionally one language does seem to have the edge on another in capturing our experience. Thus after a downpour I am often tempted to borrow from the French and describe myself with more satisfying emphasis as soaked, not to the skin, but to the bones. Yours faithfully. ANGELA PATERSON.

October 14. From Mrs R. Smallwood Sir, In Italy we "know our chickens" while in England, I am told, you "know your onions".

215 Boroughbridge Road, York.

Yours faithfully, ROSANNA SMALLWOOD. Studio Cottage, Tarlton, Cirencester, Gloucestershire. October 13.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 17: His Excellency Mr Shaharyar M. Khan and Begum Khan were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for

Pakistan in London. Air Vice-Marshal A. F. C. Hunter was received by Her Maiesty upon his appointment as Commander British Forces and Administrator Sovereign

Base Area Cyprus.
Brigadier I. G. C. Gilmore. Representative Colonel Com-mandant. Royal Australian Engineers, was received by The Mrs Gilmore was also

received by Her Majesty.
His Excellency Mr Tasos
Panayides and Mrs Panayides were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Cyprus in London and upon retiring as Doyen of the

Diplomatic Corps.
The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a Reception at Buckingham Palace this evening for delegates to the Fourteenth Commonwealth Auditors' General Conference. The Duke of Edinburgh this morning received the Prime Minister of Thailand at

Buckingham Palace.
His Royal Highness, Patron and Twelth Man of the Lord's Taverners, presented the 1990 County Championship Trophy to Middlesex County Cricket

Club at Buckingham Palace.
The Duke of Edinburgh.
Patron and Trustee. attended receptions at St James's Palace for Young People who have reached the Gold Standard in

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, at St James's Palace. His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, gave a lunch and afterwards chaired a meeting for the Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at

Buckingham Palace.
The Duke of Edinburgh attended a dinner, hosted by the Navy Board, to mark Trafalgar Night, at Admiralty House. Whitehall.

Lieutenant Commander Malcolm Sillars. RN was in attendance.
The Duchess of York this

evening attended the Great Britain Nordic Biathlon Dinner at the Gloucester Hotel, Harrington Gardens, London. Miss Lucy Manners and Captain Alexander Baillie-Hamilton were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE October 17: The Princess of Patron, Turning Point. attended a seminar on mental health at St Augustine's Hospital, Chartham, Canter-

Subsequently, Her Royal Highness visited Quest Inter-

national, Ashford. Finally The Princess of Wales opened Tenterden Lei-sure Centre, Tenterden High Street, Ashford. Her Royal Highness was received by Brigadier Maurice

The Duke of Edinburgh pro-

posed the toast to the "immortal

memory" of Lord Nelson at a

Trafalgar night dinner given by the Navy Board last night at Admiralty House, Admiral Sir

Julian Oswald, Chief of Naval Staff and First Sea Lord, pre-

sided. Among the guests were:

SIGUG. Among the guests were:
The American Ambasador, the Right
Rev Ronald Gordon, Mr Tom King,
MP. General Sir Richard Vincent. Sir
Peter Imbert, Admiral Sir Brian
Brown, Vice-Admiral Sir Jock Stater,
Vice-Admiral Sir Kenneth Eaton,
Judge Waley, Mr Richard Morris, Mr
David Greenwood, Mr David
Dimbleby, Mr Moray Slewari and
Rear-Admiral Hugo White.

given by the Publicity Club of London last night at the

Gloucester Hotel in aid of the

British Nordic and biathlon

Olympic ski teams. Mr lan

Blythe, vice-president of the

club, and Mr Ian Pay, chairman, presided and Mr Conal Gregory, MP, also spoke. General Sir Antony Walker. Brigadier

Worthy and Major John Lean-

ing were among the principal guests.

lines of Court and City

The Lord Mayor was a guest of

honour at a dinner given by officers of the Inns of Court and

City Yeomanry last night at Stone Buildings. Major J. D'A.

Cartwright presided and received the Lord Mayor with

Colonel G.S.P. Carden. Lord

Justice Parker. Sir Patrick Neill, QC, and Mr F.P. Crowder, QC.

The Hon Timothy Sainsbury,

Minister for Trade, presided at a

dinner given by Her Majesty's

Government last night at the

Royal Society of Arts in honour of Mr K.F. Katushev. Soviet

Minister for Foreign Economic

Sir David Phillips, Chairman of the Advisory Board for the

Research Councils, was the

principal guest and speaker at a

dinner given by the School of

Pharmacy. London University,

last night at Merchant Taylors'

Hall. Sir Graham Wilkins,

chairman of the school council.

presided and Professor A.T.

Florence, dean, also spoke.

Sir Frank Harlley, Sir Eric Scowen, Professor Sir Frederick Warner, Mr H H Blandford, Dr J R Stewart and Mrs Linda Stone.

Mr David Wynne-Morgan pre-sided over the dinner held last

night at the Hyatt Carlton

Tower Hotel, by the Marketing Group of Great Britain. The guest speaker was Mr Geoffrey

Mulcahy, Chairman and Chief Executive, Kingfisher plc.

Among those present were:

Marketing Group of

vere among others present.

HM Government

Relations.

School of Pharmacy

Walker, Colonel Peter

Publicity Club of London The Duchess of York was the guest of honour at a dinner

Navy Board

Judge V David Dimbleb

Theatre Company at Sadler's Wells Theatre. St John Street. Building Fund.

ECI, in aid of the Chicken Shed Mrs Max Pike and Squadron Leader David Barton, RAF.

The Princess of Wales attended a gala performance of Anansi by the Chicken Shed

were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE

October 17: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, attended a Banquet this evening given by the Royal National Institute for the Deaf and Alcatel Business Systems Limited at Fishmongers Hall. Her Royal Highness presented the RNID Commu-

nicator of the Year Awards. Lady Aird and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in

KENSINGTON PALACE October 17: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron, this afternoon visited Patron, this afternoon visited Queen Margaret College, Clerwood Terrace, Edinburgh, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Her Royal Highness's Patronage.

In the evening Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester was present at a performance of Strength Ecologies of Strength Ecologies (1998).

Sisterly Feelings given by students at Queen Margaret Her Royal Highness was

received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, the Right Hon the Lord Provost).

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott

was in attendance.
The Duke of Gloucester today was present at a luncheon given by the Prime Minister in honour of His Excellency the Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of Thailand (General Chatichai Choonhavan) and Thanpuying Boonruen Choonhavan at 10 Downing Street, London, SW1. Major Nicholas Barne was in

attendance. The Duchess of Gloucester today visited Hampshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott. Bt). Her Royal Highness opened the refurbished Andover and District Citizens' Advice

Later. The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Papworth and Enham Foundation for Handicapped People, opened the Enham Resource

Centre, Andover.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE October 17: The Duke of Kent, President of the Football Association, this evening attended the England v Poland Football International match at Wembley Stadium.

Commander Roger Walker, RN was in attendance. The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the European Association of Palliative Care, this afternoon attended the first International Congress in the Hotel Meridien, Montparnasse, Paris and then Atherton (Deputy Lord Lieuten- returned to Heathrow Airport,

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith Mrs Alan Henderson was in

Company of Chartered

others present were:

Dinners

OBITUARIES

DELPHINE SEYRIG

Delphine Seyrig, French stage and film actress, died on October 15 after a long illness aged 58. She was born on April 10, 1932.

DELPHINE Seyrig became internationally known in 1961 with her first professional film, Alain Resnais's L'Année dernière à Marienbad, and she went on to play cool, poised and enigmatic characters for other important directors, such as François Truffaut, Luis Burnel and Joseph Losey. With her musical voice, elegant presence, sensuality and ability to convey emotion with the minimum of gesture, she had the ideal qualities for a screen actress. But she was a reluctant star, whose career proceeded in fits and starts as she went from lead roles to cameo parts and more experimental work, notably with women directors such as Marguerite Duras and Chantal Akerman.

She remained principally a stage actress, who performed in the United States as well as in France, and was wellknown for her roles in Chekhov. Turgeney. Pirandello and Giraudoux. A fluent English speaker, she was also a leading interpreter of the plays of Harold Pinter. Last month she was to have appeared with the Renaud-Barrault company to mark the opening of its new theatre in Paris, followed by a tour, but she was forced to withdraw through illness after a few days' rehearsal. The play was Laetitia, a French disguise for Peter Shaffer's Lettice and Lovage, but the

project has been abandoned

for the time being.

She was born in Beirut. Her family came from Alsace and her father, Henri Seyrig, was an archaeologist. She spent a wandering childhood in interviewer, "Greece, Paris and, during the arrive there." second world war, New York, where her father was a cultural attaché. Back in France, she trained at drama school in Paris and spent several years on the French stage before cratchy tantalising and ap-returning to New York in peared to offer her little scope 1956 to study at the Actors' to build a performance. But Studio. As well as theatre through quietly controlled geswork, including Arthur tures, and an emotional power Miller's adaptation of Ibsen's that was hinted at rather than An Enemy of the People, she stressed, she was able to promade her screen debut in vide a human dimension to



strongly influenced her approach to acting which she Muriel, and her perceptive later explained as being based on creating an entire past history for her characters. "One doesn't invent a charac- award at the Venice Festival. ter at 35 or 70°, she told an interviewer, "one makes her

Resnais cast her for Marienbad after seeing her in An Enemy of the People and she proved to be a stunning choice for a film which was delibto build a performance. But Robert Frank's underground the film's complex time-shifts film, Pull My Daisy. Her time and elusive narrative. She

study of a woman moving painfully between the present and the past won her best actress In 1968 she worked with another leading French director, Truffaut, in Baisers volés

where she prepared for her young hero by running up two flights of stairs immediately before the scene was shot. Meanwhile she had appeared in her first British film, Accident, which was written by Pinter and directed by Losey. Her role as Dirk Bogarde's old flame was small but telling and included an immensely effective wordless scene in a restaurant. She later played

age fable about a perpetually thwarted dinner party. It was one of several roles in which she appeared as a blonde, although her natural hair colour was auburn. Among lesser films, she enjoyed herself as a vampire in Daughters of Darkness, a secret agent in the spy spoof Mister Freedom and the fairy godmother of Jacques Demy's Magic Donkey. She had the ability to lift any picture, however routine. The same applied to the theatre. Her last stage appearance in Paris was in a mediocre adaptation of Alan Ayck-bourn's Woman in Mind in which she was by far the best element. She probably knew at the time that she was terminally ill and in that light her appearance becomes doubly moving. During the 1970s she entered the commercial main-

Ibsen film, A Doll's House.

For Bunuel she played the

prostitute in La Voie lactée

and the sophisticated lady of

The Discreet Charm of the

Bourgeoisie, a funny and sav-

والأمالك كالمعتشفة للمستعدد والمناب والمستعور العيام بالرابع المتراجية المستعمرة المراز الرابي الماري أرامي المارات

stream as the assassin's lover in The Day of the Jackal, and in Don Siegel's thriller, The Black Windmill. More challenging work came in Duras's India Song and Akerman's extraordinary 3%hour tour de force, Jeanne Dielman, 23 Quai du Com-merce, 1080 Bruxelles. In the latter. Sevrig played a widow who supports her small son from the earnings of prostitution. But we merely catch glimpses of this. For the most part she is seen moving with almost fanatical exactitude through the day's domestic tasks, minutely observed by

In 1976 she came to Britain to give a much-praised performance in the title part in Fassbinder's The Bitter Tears of Petra von Kant at the New End Theatre in Hampstead Her television work included breathless seduction of the Henry James's The Ambassadors for the BBC.

the camera.

During the 1970s and 1980s she became closely associated with the feminist movement, and was prominent in the setting up of the Simone de Beauvoir Centre, which produces audiovisual documentaries on women's issues. Her marriage in 1950 to

Jack Youn-Germain, an American art dealer, was dis-Kristine Linde in Losey's solved. She had a son.

ART BLAKEY

Art Blakev (Abdullah Ibn Buhaina), the American jazz drummer, died in New York on October 1, at the age of 71. He was born in Pittsburgh on October 11, 1919.

THE sight of Art Blakey in full flow behind his group the Jazz Messengers, was an enduring symbol of modern jazz. The most distinctive drummer of creators of the "hard bop" school, Blakey was the mentor. to dozens of outstanding musicians. His teenage ambitions were centred on finding a way to escape from the industrial wasteland of Pittsburgh, where he worked in a steel mill by day and performed in clubs at night. A self-taught pianist, he eventually switched to drams and in the early 1940s began touring with the bandleaders Mary Lou Williams and Fletcher Henderson. During one visit to the South, he was badly beaten by police in Georgia, and a metal plate had

to be inserted in his head. His most important assignment came in a three-year stint with the big band of the singer Billy Eckstine, another refugee from Pittsburgh. The experience of learning his craft under such a strong leader left an indelible impression on Blakey. He was to re-create a similar master-apprentice atsengers. His first, short-lived version of the Messengers was a 17-piece big band formed after commercial pressures forced the disbanding of the Eckstine orchestra in 1947. Blakey then began freelancing. His most memorable work in this period came as a sideman with Thelonious Monk. With his cross-beats and dramatic

Blakey's personal life was increasingly unsettled. Like so sician has nothing to do with many other bop musicians he that. His thing is to swing. became a heroin addict. Well, the only way the Cauca-Increasingly interested in his African heritage, he converted from a rope. Swinging is our to Islam, adopting the name Abdullah Ibn Buhaina. He also travelled to Africa, gaining experience with traditional

in the early 1950s he began whom he developed the drivwhat was to become the regular line-up. His energy Messenger sound. The group and enthusiasm are itself was launched soon after-

wards as a co-operative, with Silver and the trumpeter Kenny Dorham among its dominant voices. By 1956 Silver and the others had left to work on their own projects. Blakey was left in control. Thus was born the band which was to become his life for the

next 35 years. Any attempt to single out a single edition of the Mesthe post-war era and one of the sengers as the best of all is certain to cause arguments. But one of the finest was certainly the late-Fifties group which boasted the trumpeter Lee Morgan, saxophonist-arranger Benny Golson and pianist Bobby Timmons. Timmons's catchy gospel theme, "Moanin'", became a staple of the repertoire, along-side Golson's "Blues March" and "Along Came Betty". The pieces were all included on the 1958 release, Art Blakey With The Jazz Messengers.

The musicians also joined

the trend for recording soundtracks for French feature films. For Des Femmes disparaissent, directed by Edouard Molinaro, they played condensed versions of pieces from the band's book. Golson's "Whisper Not", for example, became Chuchote Pas". Nevertheless Blakey always preferred the bandstand to the studio. He was at his most relaxed in mosphere in the Jazz Mes- front of an audience. Later editions of the band were sometimes more distinctive in the flesh than on vinvl. Blakey, however, continued to seek out new talent. His later sidemen included Wayne Shorter (later lured away by Miles Davis), Woody Shaw and Chuck Mangione. Hard bop as a formula was exhausted by the mid-1960s, but drum rolls, Blakey played a Blakey generally avoided major part in Monk's inno-vative Blue Note recordings.

During the late 1940s towards the avant-garde and atonalism: "The black musician has nothing to do with sian musician can swing is field and we should stay in it."

As jazz entered a new era of popularity in the 1980s, the Messengers were back in fashion. The concerts remained much the same, with Blakey his association with the urging on soloists with roars of pianist Horace Silver, with encouragement and his trademark, the press roll. In his ing, gospel-influenced style most recent visits to Ronnie which became known as hard Scott's, he showed his concern bop. The album Live At for young talent by inviting a Birdland, recorded in 1954, number of young British play-sketched in the outlines of ers to sit in alongside his



JORGE BOLET

Jorge Bolet, American virtuoso of Havana until he won a signs on a conducting career. 1980s he had made two dozen was born in Hayana, Cuba, on November 15, 1914.

JORGE Bolet became rehis life as one of the leading exponents of the ultra-Romantic repertory. Nobody surpassed his virtuoso perfor-mance and understanding of Liszr's piano music or his skill in bringing out the inner tensions and outer exuberance of Mr Alderman Brian Jenkins. Master of the Company of Chartered Accountants in Eng-land and Wales, assisted by Mr was also an accomplished and sympathetic teacher. He was R.G. Wilkes. Senior Warden, and Mr F.E. Worsley, Junior Warden, presided at an installa-tion dinner held last night at Chartered Accountants' Hall. The Lord Chief Justice, the Senior Warden and Mr David Emms also spoke. Among

screened by the BBC. Bolet began his piano leswas a pupil in his home town have any further serious de- Rachmaninov. During the ous personality.

pianist, died aged 75 of heart scholarship to the Curtis at the failure on October 16 at his age of 12. There he studied home near San Francisco. He piano with, among others, the celebrated Polish pianist and Liszt exponent, Josef Hofmann, and conducted with nowned in the last 20 years of recital debut in Europe at Fritz Keiner. He made his appeared publicly in the United States in 1937 at Philadelphia. From 1939 to 1941 he worked with Rudolf

Serkin at the Curtis. At the beginning of the war he enlisted with the Cuban Rachmaninov's scores. Bolet army, serving in the Cuban embassy before joining the US Army. Military service took latterly head of piano studies him after the war to the Far at the Curtis Institute in Phil- East and he was in charge, as adelphia and with some of his conductor, of the first Japapupils he made a series of nese performance of The Mifascinating masterclasses for kado in 1946. Bolet's brother, television, several of them Alberto, was a conductor and Jorge once said that he wanted to see how it felt being up sons when he was five, and front. But he was never to adept in Tchaikovsky and

After the war he was respected as a musician in the United States and gave some premieres of works by contwhen in 1960 he recorded the sound track of Song Without End, an extravagant biopic of Franz Liszt with Dirk Bogarde

manuscript score of Wagner's Rienzi appearing to be contained on a slim roll of paper. But it was only from 1970 that he gained renown internationally. Word came out of Amerfaultless interpreter of the Romantic repertory, particularly Liszt. His performances of the Liszt Sonata and the piano transcriptions were soon recognised as the real thing, and he was hardly less

records of this repertory for Decca. with Liszt well to the fore. He won the Grand Prix du Disque three times as well emporary composers. He ac- as The Gramophone's Best quired a little temporary fame Instrumental Recording of the

Bolet was far from being just a virtuoso. He was a musician of fastidious taste playing the composer and the and high intelligence, and he was just as happy subordinating his personality in chamber music as in being a formidable soloist. His academic credentials were impeccable. He taught at Indiana University ica that he was carrying on the and then in 1977 became head tradition of his teachers as a of the piano department at bold, imaginative, technically Curtis, 50 years to the day after he had auditioned there as a young boy. He was only the third person to hold the post, his predecessors being Hofmann and Serkin.

Jorge Bolet's generous playing was backed by his large, imposing figure and gregari-

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.A. Austin and Miss R.J. Role The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son

Leicestershire.

and Miss N.J. Lazell

Holland Park, London.

and Miss S.J.Y. Dobson

Dudleston, Shropshire,

Mr C. Callaghan

Suffolk.

Mr G. Catchpole

Mr P.W. Dent

and Mrs A. Davis

The engagement is announced between Duncan James, youngest son of the late Mr Harold

Bell and of Mrs Barbara Ridgway, of Sidmouth Devon.

and Natasha Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Lazell, of

The engagement is announced between Carl, youngest son of the late Mr R.H. Callaghan and

of Mrs M. Callaghan, of

Susanna, youngest daughter of the late Major E.Y. Dobson and

of Mrs R. Clarke, of Foxearth,

The engagement is announced between Giles Catchpole, of

Fulham, SW6, and Angela

Davis (nee Fortune), of Balham,

and Lady Katherine Townshend

The engagement is announced between Piers, youngest son of

Mr and Mrs Robin Dent, of Olivers, Painswick, Gloucester-

shire, and Lady Katherine.

youngest daughter of the

Mr D.J. Bell

Marketors' Company Mr G.C. Draper. Master of the Marketors' Company, assisted by Mr R. Wilson, Mr G. Darby and Mr N. Boakes, Wardens, presided at a dinner held last of Mr and Mrs John Austin. of night at Ironmongers' Hall, Mr Boldre, Lymington, Hampshire, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Rule, of Hordle, L. Strong was the guest speaker. The Masters of the Pewterers'. Plaisterers', Clockmakers' and Carmen's Companies and the Lymington, Hampshire. hairman of the British Tourist and Miss E.J. Kitson Authority were among the

Lord Benson. Sir Douglas Morpeth, Sir John Grenside. Sir David Rowe-Ham, Admiral of the Fieet Sir William Staveley. Sir Brian Shaw. Sir Neil Shields. Sir Alan Balley, the Master and Clerk of the Masler Mariners' Company, the Masters of the Gardeners' and Farriers' Companies, the Deputy Master of the Barbers' Company and the Common Serjeani.

principal guests. College of Anaesthetists A council dinner was held last night. The President and Mrs Rosen received the guests who included Sir Stanley Peart. Mrs S. V. Masters, Mr D. Seel, Dr C. Scurr. Dr J. Nunn, Dr P. Raskett, Mr D. L. Evans and Mr J. A. P. Marston.

Foundation for Science and Technology Mr Oscar Roith, CB, FEng. was in the chair at a lecture and dinner discussion on the subject of "The Challenge of Achieve-ment" held at the Royal Society on Tuesday, October 16, 1990, The evening was sponsored by

The Comino Foundation. HMS Scylla Vice-Admiral Sir John Kerr. KCB. was the guest of honour at HMS Scylla's Trafalgar Night dinner last night at Portsmouth. Lieutenant-Commander C.A. Johnstone-Burt, RN, presided. and among those present were the Commanding Officer. Com-mander M.S. Williams, RN. Lieutenant-Colonel G.T.R. Birdwood, Commanding Officer of the Mounted Regiment of the Household Cavairy, Captain R.J. Onslow and Captain

G.V. de la F. Wovka. Memorial service

Mr Paul Paulson The Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Head of the Diplomatic Service was represented by Sir Philip Adams at a memorial service for Mr Paul Paulson held yesterday

Mr P.A. Davies and Miss S.J. Shipway The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Davies, of Perth, Australia, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Shipway, of Woodmancote, Cheltenham,

Commander G. Bateman, RN Mr S. Flied and Miss L. Christie The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Flind, of The engagement is announced between Graham, elder son of the late Mr C.W. Bateman and Putney, London, and Louise, only daughter of Sir George and Lady Christie, of Glyndebourne, Sussex. of Mrs Olea Bateman, of Birmingham, and Elizabeth Jane, younger daughter of the late Mr I.F. Kitson and of Mrs J.S. Swallow, of Narborough,

Mr J. Grassi and Miss C.L.R. Paton The engagement is announced between Johnathon, son of Mr. d Mrs Geoffrey Grassi, Broadstone, Dorset, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Paton, of Enmore, Bridgwater, Somerset. Mr J.G. Harrison

and Miss C.S. Shaw The engagement is announced between John Gatfield, eldest son of Professor M.J.G. Harrison, DM. FRCP, and Mrs P.H. Harrison, of Ruislip, Middlesev, and Caroline Susan. only daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel D.S. Shaw, OBE, and Mrs D. Shaw, of Maidstone,

Mr T.S. King and Miss D.A. Tombleson The engagement is announced between Timothy Simon, younger son of the Rev J.C. and Mrs King, of Somersby Way. Boston, Lincolnshire, and Delia Ann, elder daughter of Mr P.H. Tombleson, OBE, and Mrs Tombleson, of The Grange, Peakirk, Peterborough.

Dr A.G. Mead and Miss S.L. Walding The engagement is announced between Guy, second son of Mr. and Mrs J.E. Mead. of Hurstpierpoint. Sussex. and Marquess Townshend, of Sally, younger daughter of Mr Raynham Hall, Norfolk, and the and Mrs. H.S.J. Walding, of late Marchionesa Townshend. Cinderford, Gloucestershire.

Captain J.L. Melville and Miss S.E. Marsh

The engagement is announced between Captain James McIville. The Royal Scots
Dragoon Guards, elder son of
Mr Robin Melville. of Brook
Green. London, and Mrs Alan Seaward, of Comrie, Perthshire, and Sophie, younger daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Peter Marsh, of Camberley, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr S.J. Mila and Miss A.K.A. Younger and Miss A.K.A. Younger
The engagement is announced
between Simon, younger son of
Mr and Mrs Denis Milne, of
Froxfield, Wiltshire, and
Alexandra, daughter of Mr
Gavin Younger, of Earlston,
Berwickshire, and Mrs Diana
Younger, of Midlem, Selkirk,

Mr A.A. Monk and Miss S.N. Molossi The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Rear Admiral and Mrs A.J. Monk, of Kingsdown, Kent, and Sophia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T.M. Molossi, of London, W.8.

Mr J.G. Singlehurst and Miss S.D.C. Farr The engagement is announced between James George, elder son of Mr John Singlehurst, of The Manor House, Weldon. Northamptonshire, and Mrs David Berridge, of Grays House, Soham, Ely. Cambridgeshire, and Susanna Dorothy Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Farr, of The Hermitage, Above Town, Dartmouth, Devon.

Lieutenant S.R. Solleveld, RN and Miss S.E. Clark The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs E. Solleveld, of Hill Brow, Hampshire, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Clark, of

Mr D.J.E. Weston nd Miss C.G. Bekens The engagement is announced between Duncan, elder son of Dr and Mrs Mark Weston, of Needingworth, Cambridgeshire, and Candida, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Bekenn, of Trysuli, Staffordshire.

Mr J.R. Hughes and Miss C.A. Hunter The marriage took place on Saturday, October 13, 1990, at Our Lady Immaculate Church, Tolworth, Surrey, of Mr Raoul Hughes, son of Mr and Mrs A. Hughes, of Walton-on-the-Hill, Stafford, and Miss Catherine Hunter, eldest daughter of Mr S.J. Hunter, RCNC, and Mrs Hunter, of Southampton. The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Beatrix Hunter, Miss Hermione Hunter and Master George Hunter. Mr Craig Hughes was best man. Mr A.N. Matthews

and Miss A.L.T. Hibler
The marriage took place on
Saturday, October 6, at the
Parish Church of Si Margaret,
Lothbury, London, of Mr Andrew Matthews, only son of Mr and Mrs Neil Matthews, to Miss Anne Hibler, only daugh-ter of the late Mr John Hibler and of Mrs Hibler.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr David Hibler, was attended by Louise Burns. Mr Robert Burns was best man.

Reception Boissard Medical Research

Professor Malcolm Harris Chairman of the Boissard Medical Research Fund Appeal, was host at a reception held last night at the Royal Society of Medicine for the establishment of a chair in oral biochemistry at the Department of Maxillo Facial Surgery and Oral Medicine Gortnadullagh, Co Kerry, Eire. at the Eastman Dental Hospital.

Today's royal engagements

Royal Grammar School at Development Trust. 10.05; and present a new guidon to The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry at Stonyhurst School at 11,00.

The Duke of Edinburgh will The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the new development for Parkhead Housing Association. 89 Tolkross Road, Glasgow, at 9.45; the Strathclyde Distillery. Moffat Street, at 11.10; as Chancellor, will visit Edinburgh University at 2.10; and, as Patron of Queen Victoria School, will attend a dinner in Edinburgh Castle at 7.15 in aid of the sports hall appeal. The Princess of Wales will open new Centrepoint shelter for

homeless young people at 57 Dean Street, W1, at 10.30; and, as patron, will be host at a fundraising dinner at Kensington Palace at 8.00 in aid of

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The Queen will visit Clitheroe the Natural History Museum

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Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, Patron-in-Chief of the Scottish Veterans' Residences, will open the new wing at Rosendael, Broughty Ferry. Dundee, at 2,30. The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the Old Etonian

Association, will attend a meeting at Hoare's Bank, 37 Fleet Street, at 5.00. The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the National Asthma Campaign, will visit the 1990 Asthma gift fair at the Hurlingham Club at 10.30 The Duke and Duchess of Kent will attend a performance of The Little Mermaid at the Odeon, Leicester Square, at 6.45 in aid of Endeavour and the Variety

Prime Minister The Duke of Gloucester was present at a luncheon given by the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street yesterday in honour of the Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of Thailand and Thanpuying Boonruen Choonhavan. The other guests included:

Mr Sobin Pinkayan and Mrs Boensri Pinkayan, Mr Korn Dabbaransi, Mr Amaret Sila-on, the Ambassador of Tradiand and Mrs Prassavinitchet, Mr Kasem S Kasmari, Mr Sivavong Changkinsiri, Mr Chira Panupong, Mr Suwit Suthamukui, Mr Sumillat Sathiratinal, General Ataya Paaopanchon, Licutemant-General Siri Tiwagan.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, and Lady Howe. Mr Cocil Parhimon. MP. Mr John Walcham, MP, Mr Peler Libey, MP, and Mrs Libey, Ine Carl and Counters of Califmens, the Ensure of Cheimstort, and Mrs Watnaby, Lord porter of Luddensm. OM. and Lady Porter. Mr Paddy Ashdown, MP. Sir Grabam and Lady Hills. Professor Sir Eric and Lady Ash, Sir John and Lady Quinton.

Club of Great Britain. The Right Hon Lord Alexander of Weeden, QC. Chairman of the National Westminster Bank pic, was the guest of honour at luncheon given by the Management Consultancies Association, at the Cavalry and Guards Club yesterday.

David Miller, president of the

Birthdays today

association, presided.

Sir William Clark, MP, 73; Professor H.C.A. Hankins. principal, UMIST, 60: Lord Kimball, 62; Miss Melina Mercouri, actress and politician. 65: Miss Martina Navratilova. tennis player, 34; Sir Joseph Pope, former vice-chancellor. Aston University, 75: Lady Saltoun, 60; Mrs Mary Symes, first woman coroner, 78: Mr Dick Taverne, QC, former MP. 62; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Terry, 64: M Pierre Trudeau. CH, former Prime Minister of Canada: "71: Dame Janet Vaughan, former principal. Somerville College, Oxford, 91; Vice-Admiral Sir James Willis.

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PETCH - On October 16th peacefully at home, Gwen aged 79, widow of Sir Louis, and mother of Jene and William. Funcial at St Mary The Virgin. Twickentens on Tuesday. October 23rd at 1.30pm. Family Howers, denations if desired to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund. MacMillan House, 18/19 Britten Street, SWS 572. POWELL On October 16th, peacefully, aged 94, Roger O.B.E. Hon MA (Dublin), beloved father of David, Ann and JEE Funeral service at Chuckester Crematorium, 3 pm on Friday October 26th, Family flowers only, done-tions to Victory Ward Amenity Fund, Queen Alexandra Hospital. Cosham, Hampelire. A memorial will be arranged and announced at a later dake. BOX - On October 16th 1990, in St Barnabas Hospice, Worthing, Gerald Hyan Box. of Thakeham, formerty of Cranleigh, Surrey, Greatly loved by his children, Simon and Harriet, and his wife Sue. Funeral service at Worthing Crematorium on Wednesday October 24th at 12.30 pm. Flowers please, or donations, if wished to St Barnabas Hospice, c/o H.D. Tribe Lid, 130 Sroadwater Road, Worthing, Tel: 0903 34516 SCOTT - David Lengos, See Memorial Services. Negatian Service.

TRESMAN - On October 15th suddenty, Harry, husband of Rose and deer father of Bianca. Funeral is arranged to take place on Wednesday October 24th at 12 noon at St. James RC Church, Twickenham, followed by Interment at Richmond Cemetary 1-15pm. Flowers and enquiries to 081 892 1784

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Bayterson - On October 18th, suddenty - Lestie Domnit Battiscouthe, formerty of the Indian Subcontinent, Manaya and Thatland, dearly loved husband of Molly, father of the and Penny and father in law of David. Funeral service & St. Oswid's, Backford, Nr. Chester, on Monday, October 22nd, at 1.00 pm. Family Bowers only or densitions to The British Heart Foundation, C/o J.C. Clarke & Sond, Hoole Road, Chester. MEMORIAL SERVICES GREAVES - A Memorial Service for Professor Ronald Greaves will be held in the Chapel of Conville and Calus College. Cambridge, on Tuesday November 6th at 2 pm. SCOTT - Or. Dayld Lemon. M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., J.P., of Fleet, Hants. A service of transcripting for all friends collegues & associates at 3pm on November 1st at All Saints Church. Fleet, Hants. Enquiries to 0256 703642. OUROIS - On Monday October 15th, in Brussels, Lucie Anne Mary Juliette (née Tinchant) widow of Robert Dubois. widow of Robert Dabois.

EEGREE - On October 16th, with great fortigude, at The Moore Cottage Hospital, Bourton-on-the-Water. Gaos. Philip Kenyon of The Glebs House. Bourton-on-the-Weier. Constantly loving husband of Diana, father of Grizelda and Jereiny, father-in-law of Christopher and Anne. grantfather of Christopher. Charlotte. Entity and Anthony. A service of thanksgiving will be held at St. Lawrence Church, Bourton-on-the-Water. Wednasday October 24th at 2-50pm. Donations for The General Purpose Trust Fund. c/o Mr. Wragge. The Moore Cottage Hospital. Bourton-on-the-Water. Gaos. A Memorial service to be held at Stocibridge, Hamis, will be announced later.

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE

BELSON - Captain Geoffrey, Leicester, T.D. of Stane-to-Owney, Happy Birthday, PAMSOM - On October 18th 1981. Pamela (née Loudoud, dearty loved wife of David Pawson. WALKER - Today ends dear Margaret's third Heavenly-year. In my loving proud thoughts always, Tony.

Birth and Death notices may be accepted over the telephone. For publication the

following day please telephone by 5.00pm Monday to Thursday. 4pm Friday. 9.30am-1.00pm for Monday's paper. 071 481 4000

Will be announced later.

RAM - On October 16th 1990, pencefully after a short Riness. Richard Andrew Dillon. aged 42 years. Greatly loved husband of Frances and loving stepsither of Robert and Natastra. beloved son of Christopher and Roth and much loved brother and unde. Family funeral October 20th, at Earth Bishop Church, Hereford, Family flowers only, but donations to: St. Michael's Hospice, Hereford, Bervice of Thunksylving to be amnounced.

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NOWT - On Ociober 16th, suddenly, Alan Nathaniel O.B.E., aged 79, much level husband of Toby, and lowing fether of Katherine, Devid, Angela, and dear grand-lather of Mark, Andrew, Christopher, Tom, Josama, Richard, Daisy, and Craig. Deeply missed by all his fassily and friends. Flowers to T. Porter & Sone Ltd., 577 Perk Road, Liverpool 8 (Enquiries: OSI, 727, 1911). Funeral service to be held at St. Annes Chartch, Algburth, Liverpool. On Thesday October 23rd, at 2pm, to be followed by burnia at Toacth-Perk Cemetery, Smithdown Road, Liverpool 18.

PANDA - On October 15th 1990, in Freehown, George S. Panda C.M.C., O.B.E. Loyal servani to his country. Dearly missed by his wife, children and grandchildren. Funeral on Sunday October 28th, in Blanca, Sierre Leone.

PATERSON - On October 18th

PATERSON - On October 18th in hospital, John Gordon, aged 85, husband of Winfred. Father of Craham, Grandfatter of Katherine and Christopher. Funerat: Tuesday October 28rd, 3.15 pm at Golders Green Crematorium, East Chapel. Family flowers only. donations if desired to ENSB, 224 Great Portland St. W1.

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might possibly mar the ultimate success of his system.

The first message dealt with at the Irish station yesterday was received

at 9 a.m., and was understood to be of

a congratulatory character. It came from Cape Breton, but its contents

and the name of the sender were not

divulged. At midday, in honour of the occasion, a number of flags were displayed on the buildings composing

the station, including those of Eng-land, Canada, and the United States.

The Italian flag was, out of compliment to Mr. Marconi, also

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Nobody was admitted to the premises without special permits from London. The buildings so far erected are of a most primitive character. They consist mostly of wooden buts, the principal exception being the receiving and transmitting rooms, which form part of a permanent erection composed of steel. The electric current is generated in the power-house, the heat being supplied by three or four large boilers fed with coal and peat. There is an abundant supply of hard black peat within the grounds, and, although it possesses less than half the heating power of coal, its cheapness and abundance constitute an important factor from

the commercial standpoint. Cables connect the power-house with a series of powerful condensers close to the instrument rooms. These condensers multiply the form of the electric current and give enormous power once the switches are turned on. A number of tall masts, arranged in a line facing seawards, contain a perfect network of wires, and on these the messages are received and

despatched. The operators here have a telephonic apparatus, with a very sensitive sounder, attached to their ears, and it is their trained sense of hearing and distinguishing the Morse signals transmitted from the overhead wire and ether rather than their sense of sight that enables them to detect the Morse signals. The arrival of a Marconigram causes a deep booming noise within the building and vivid electric flashes on the wires inside, and outside the electric display is particularly brilliant when messages are being despatched.

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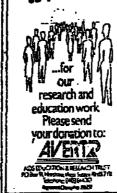
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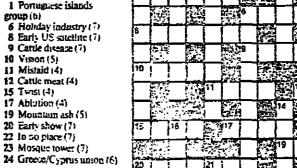
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to reports from the World

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heterosexual community is, as predicted, increasing, and is following the expected pattern,

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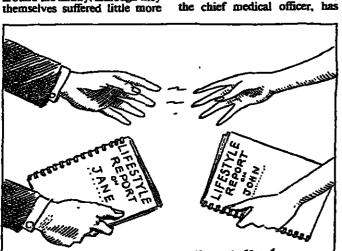
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Beethoven's eighth The theory that Beethoven

died from sarcoidosis is an ingenious one which can never be disproved; but it is known that his signs, symptoms and eventual mode of death were not those commonly associated with this strange disease.

Press reports following the publication of Dr Tom Palferman's treatise on Beethoven's health must have made gloomy reading for the 2,200 British patients who are newly diagnosed each year as having sarcoid; they should take heart, for they are almost as likely to write a symphony as to die from liver disease or go deaf.

Although sarcoid involves the liver in 70 per cent of patients, this infiltration can usually be demonstrated only by liver biopsy; symptoms from it are rare, and do not figure in the list of the six main reasons why the disease is first diagnosed. Experts agree that only a few cases of sarcoid develop chronic liver failure, and that death from liver disease

in sarcoidosis is even rarer. In Britain only I per cent of patients with sarcoid have involvement of the central nervous system, and even when it does strike the cranial nerves, it is much more usual for the facial nerve to be damaged, causing a optic nerve, with loss of vision, rather than the eighth auditory nerve. If Beethoven had been one of the unlucky few with nerve damage, he is much more likely to have gone blind than deaf, particularly as sarcoidosis also frequently causes an inflammatory eye condition (uveitis). Syphilis, however, which Beethoven is reputed to have had, has a predilection for attacking the eighth nerve, and hearing loss is common.

The cause of sarcoid is unknown; it produces changes, granulomas, similar to those caused by TB, and like TB can attack practically any part of the body, but it is not infectious. The theory that an allergy might be the cause enjoys periodic sup-port, but has never been proved, and it seems probable that sarcoid can be provoked by a

variety of different agents. The disease, which usually starts with joint pains, unexplained fever and erythema nodosum (a skin rash), later usually attacks the lungs and the glands near them. Respiratory problems are the usual reason for any disabilities, and death when it does occur is usually either from respiratory failure, or heart failure secondary to lung disease. A third of patients make a complete recovery, a third are left with minor residual damage, a third need long-term treatment, and in only well under 5 per cent does sarcoid contribute

to a patient's death. It still seems probable that Beethoven had syphilis and died from chronic cirrhosis secondary to alcoholism, a dual pathology which would account for all his symptoms.

Too much of a good thing (eography classes are en-

livened by stories of the fate which befell explorers who are polar bear or seal liver. These livers are so packed with vitamin A that the heartless explorers paid for their carnage by developing acute hyper-vitaminosis: they became sleepy and lethargic, possibly fatal complications in the Arctic cold, and also suffered from chronic headaches and vomiting; later, their skin peeled. Similar but less dramatic signs and symptoms affected children whose parents, anxious to see that nothing was spared in giving them a good oil and vitamin pills. The average capsule contains 4,000 international units, and as overdosage is usually regarded as over 100,000 international units a day for adults, 20,000 a day for children, it is not easily achieved; when it is, however, the victim develops dry skin and sparse hair as well as vague joint pains, headaches and a general lassitude. Occasionally the liver is affected, but in nearly all cases recovery is swift and complete

once the vitamin A is discontinued. More recently it has been shown that overdosage with vitamin A causes occasional foetal abnormalities, and the most recent suggestion is that it may not only be the polar bear and seal liver which contains potentially dangerous levels of vitamin A, but that a vulnerable unborn child might also be affected by the much smaller quantities of vitamin A present in liver bought at the butcher's. Changes in vitamin A levels in butcher's liver are thought to be related to the high quantities of the vitamin present in some animal feeds; the livers of all animals concentrate and store vitamin A.

Vitamin A in reasonable women when pregnant, but an essential part of their diet. It seems highly improbable that any woman is going to give birth to a deformed child because she chose liver pâté rather than potted shrimps as an horsd'oeuvre, or had calves' liver as the main course, but she should perhaps avoid eating large quantities of liver until research workers have decided whether there is any substance in this latest scare.

If business is personal

Companies are calling on outside agencies to solve their staff's

personal problems. Liz Gill reports

ani Bains, a clinical psychologist, has consulting rooms in a Nash crescent overlocking Regent's Park, in London. There, amid the potted plants, clients get the benefit of her professional expertise at their company's expense. It seems a long way from the days when a good cry in the ladies or a cup of tea in the canteen were the nearest most businesses got to personal counselling.

Confidential belp for emotional

and psychological problems is increasingly a measure of com-pany concern, and those who offer it see it as a logical progression from traditional occupational health. Bill Edge, the personnel manager of ICL's logistics operations in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, says: "It's the last piece of the light of the light progression of the light of the light progression of the light of the light progression of the light of the ligh jigsaw. We believe you should look after people as a whole, their mental and emotional as well as physical well-being."

The company has just set up an employee assistance programme offering its 1,500 staff in Stevenage, and their families, confidential advice on anything from drug abuse to domestic

disputes.
"We have adopted an arm's-length approach," Mr Edge says. "We advertise the service and that's it. That is why we wrote to people at home. We wanted it to be an individual, rather than a heavy corporate thing."

A key element in the pro-

gramme is that it is run by an outside agency, Personal Performance Consultants UK (PPC), which has about 20 similar schemes in Britain, covering be-tween 10,000 and 15,000 employees in companies including oil, banking and computers. The annual cost is about £30 per worker.

"The basic concept is that the organisation buys our service as a welfare benefit. It is off-site, free to the employee, and confidential," says Alistair Anderson, the managing consultant with PPC. "I think we are far more conscious nowadays that you have to look after your staff.

"Some companies have set up in-house counselling but often it is not very popular. It is naïve to think people will go if they have to walk past the managing director's office to a door marked, in effect, 'problems solved here'.' PPC has a network of 80

counsellors, usually clinical psychologists, psychiatric reg-istrars or social workers to whom clients can be sent after an initial They are supervised and all follow the same approach, which

is, Mr Anderson says, essentially one of problem-solving rather than psycho-analytical or behavioural. In the United States, where assistance programmes have flourished for 20 years, the averase take-up rate by employees has been about 8 per cent. Marital or domestic difficulties account

for 40 per cent of referrals, drug or. alcohol abuse for 10 per cent and psychological conditions, such as women. "Sometimes, high achiev-



depression or anxiety, for a further 10 per cent. The rest cover a wide range: legal, financial, career.
Although PPC has been estab-

lished for only two years, the figures compiled in Britain so far show a similar trend. Clients come from the boardroom as well as the shop floor and are as likely to be male as female.

Companies are not told the names of employees using the service, but they are given quarterly reports on the numbers and the type of problems. McDonnell Douglas, the American aviation company, estimated that, over a four-year period, reduced absenteeism and better productivity resulted in a saving of \$4 for

every dollar spent on counselling. ICL, which is running its programme as a one-year pilot study, in efficiency. Mr Edge says: "We hope there will be a measurable increase in morale. Some problems take staff away from their

work mentally, if not physically."

A counselling service can also be a management tool, because an employee whose performance is seriously below par can be referred for help. More than 95 per cent of cases, however, are self-referrals. According to Ms Bains, a PPC counsellor, they are often the most apparently successful men and

ers have done it at the expense of their emotional lives."

"It is also very difficult to get access to people such as psychologists on the NHS because there are such long waiting lists. This way the access is immediate." Judith Mills, a management

consultant, says the success of personal counselling depends on the calibre of the counsellor. "If you get the wrong one, you can do more harm than good. That is one of the drawbacks of having them in the workplace in a personnel office or occupational health department, where they may have other things to do as well.

"If you go outside, you may be able to draw on the expertise of someone who is doing such work fulltime," Ms Mills says. "It takes a lot of courage to admit you need help and I still don't think it is part of our culture in the way that it is in the United States. But aware-

ness is growing."
Dr Howard Vaile, the chairman of the BMA's occupational health committee, believes it is perfectly proper for a company to concern itself with the psychological and emotional health of its staff. Dr Vaile is a medical adviser at Imperial Metal Industries, in Birmingham, where he and his colleagues are frequently asked for confidential help with personal problems. They also have a wide

range of contacts outside the company to help deal with specific needs. He says, however, that smaller companies may not have the resources or the time for inhouse counselling. "The other advantage of an outside agency is that it is seen to be independent of the company. There is always a suggestion than an in-house department will be partial, even though that is not the case."

One of the main difficulties

faced by counsellors is that many personal problems are a result of working conditions: and what counselling service, paid for by a company, is going to tell staff to work less hard, or insist on extra manpower to ease the workload?

Mr Anderson says that counselling services do, in fact, give companies feedback. "You company it had to take on another 300 staff - but you can point out, for example, that you are getting an inappropriate number of referrals from one department and they can put two and two together."

Ms Bains says she would never tell anyone to leave their job. "The individual must make the choices. But we can facilitate understanding and teach coping strategies so that people can control their workload or feel more confident in dealing with their boss,"

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I was subsequently informed by my broker that I had been "loaded" because of something in my medical report. Momentarily worried. I rang the insurance company, Sun Alliance. Why had it rated me an above-average risk? Sun Alliance would not tell me. If I had any enquiries about my health, I should ask my GP. She could not enlighten me.

Was it because I had asthma? Was it because I had an irritable bowel? Or was it because I had confessed to drinking the equiva-

lent of a bottle of wine a day? Or was it something else? It not bear thinking about, so I forgot it until recently, when my wife and I decided that I ought to take out some sort of health

insurance. This time, when I got the form, I ticked the box that asked if I wanted to see any medical report before it

went to the insurers. I heard nothing for more than a month, when my broker rang to say that the insurance company had sent off the form to my doctor several weeks previously, and had subsequently dispatched a reminder, but without response.

I rang my doctor, who said she had done it long ago. I reminded her I had asked to see the report before it went back to the insurers.

out a life policy. But what do you do when they then 'load' your premium - and refuse to say why you are a health risk?

I was then told that the form was ready and had been awaiting my approval for a month or so. Why had nobody told me the form was waiting? The surgery secretary said it was not her job, but my broker's. But how could my broker know when the doctor had done the report?

I was not allowed to take the report away, but had to read it on the premises, before the surgery sent it to the insurance company. I read it and there were no surprises - except that, when I handed it back, I was told I would have to pay a fee of £7.50 "for the extra work involved".

As nobody had bothered to tell me the report was there, I asked what extra work was involved, apart from handing the report to me and taking it back. There was no coherent re-

sponse. The doctor is paid separately by the insurance company in such cases. The British Medical Association sub-

sequently told me the fee should have been levied only if I had required a photocopy of the report. This was not the case, and I am attempting to recover the

David Mountain, the chief underwriter with Friends Provident, said that in my case there had been an error. I should have been informed when the form went to my doctor, but I was down as not wishing to see the report. He confirmed that Friends Provident, like other insurance companies, paid the doctor £20 for a report. He also confirmed that it was not company policy to dis-close reasons for "loading". This was up to the client's GP. He would not like, for instance, to have to break it to somebody that he or she had multiple sclerosis. A GP was the proper person to discuss a patient's ailments, and to provide the appropriate reas-

was not able to discount the possibility that a GP, while aware of the patient's ailments,

All very fair, but Mr Mountain

might not be able to say why he or she had been "loaded". This had been my case, and Richard Street, Sun Alliance's manager for group risk and underwriting, promised to look into it on my behalf. He looked up my file and told me that I had been "loaded" -

actually no increase in premium, but a limit on the extent of the cover - for two reasons: my asthma and my drinking. The obvious moral is to give up drinking, or keep quiet. On general practice, Mr Stree

said that where an independent doctor undertook an examination (for which the company pays a

standard rate of £27.50), there was no "automatic process" whereby his findings were made known to either the patient or the patient's GP. When I protested that the examination might uncover some allment that the GP had missed the could say only that 'medical ethics' would apply, and he was sure that if it were anything serious, the doctor would inform either the patient or the GP. Almost certainly he is right, but I

would like to be certain.
Since January 1, 1989, people have had the right to see their own doctor's medical reports done for insurance or employment purpose the contract of poses - unless the doctor feels this would be harmful. But we have no right to find out from an insurance company why we have been loaded. We should have.

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The last war of liberation for the BBC



Early days: Eather Rantzen in 1971

Joan Bakewell Angela Rippon and Kate Adie helped end prejudice against female television presenters. Now, Esther Rantzen says,

women must enter the door to the

he problem of wasted female talent is far from unique to the BBC. It is a paradox of our times that women collect at the bottom of the labour pool, like silt. Sir David Attenborough might consider observing the working human female for his next series — in the worst paid jobs women are as multitudinous as the fish in the sea, in the top executive roles they are as rare as unicorns.

This does not just apply to the sweat-shops: walk into any BBC production office and you will find at least half the staff are women. But take the lift to the executive floor and they have almost disappeared. Will the new policies announced last week, the job-sharing, the

en's training pro-If women he imbalance? journalists show Can the BBC their legs, their achieve the fairly modest target it. colleagues at has set itself and once label them reduce the 90 per cent male dominafeet of clay tion of its most senior jobs to a mere 70 per cent

Theoretically, it could be possible. There are positive precedents, after all. Twenty-five years ago. Panorama was a male ghetto and proud of it. In the Sixties it was understood among television executives that women could never read the news: a tragic news item would make them break. down and sob in front of the cameras. It was a foolish theory even before Kate Adie outfaced bomb and bullet to disprove it. But it was seriously held, just as it would be appalled by the comedians' language. I was told in 1968 that I could not report from Beliast because nobody could decide what a female reporter in a war zone should wear. Brilliant pioneering women — Jackie Gillot, Joan Bakewell, Angela Rippon, Sue Lawley — took on that prejudice and defeated it. Further, they proved that viewers enjoy watching talented women on the screen, so that now no producer would consider creating a new programme without women

executive suite The battle on the screen has not been entirely won. I still detect in the spit and sawdust of the BBC's newsrooms traces of the old women presenters venture into the world of entertainment, they face the possibility of not being considered for current affairs pro-grammes. Men are allowed far more beway. When Sir Robin Day appeared with Morecambe and Wise, cowering under a table in a tin hat, that was just him showing his genial side: more power to him. But after Angela Rippon joined Eric and Ernie's

consigned to Come Dancing. If

women journalists show their legs, once label them feet of clay. If Sir David were a woman, his shorts would be his

downfall.
But, if women have won their onscreen battles, it is behind the screens that the real problems lie. I first joined television

production as a reasearcher in 1965. Jobs for women were then as precious as gold dust, so when I was given the job of filing 23,000 photographs I was properly grateful. The gratitude wore a little thin after the six tedious months spent bent double over dusty filing cabinets. It wore even thinner when I realised that my men friends from university, my exact contemporaries with precisely my qualifications, were already out directing films for the nightly current affairs programme. It was firmly, that cameramen and sound recordists would not work for women - that was why there were no women film directors. There are now. The battle now is to recruit women as camera-persons,

and sound recordists. Although every television production office is filled with women today, marriage and child-ren still create a conflict in their lives, and make promotion difficult. I had a very talented secretary, Janice Booth, who was about to be promoted to become a production assistant when she got



Still fighting in 1990: Esther Rantzen says she "still detects traces of the old prejudice"

pregnant. She was immediately faced with a choice. If she were to continue her career, her baby would have to be looked after by a child minder. She would not be able to afford a qualified nanny. Janice demanded the best for her daughter, so she resigned, and took part-time work on a freelance basis. Her two daughters amply repay the love, the creative input, the time and skill she has devoted to them. But the television industry, the BBC, have lost her.

I have other colleagues in more senior roles who also put their difference. They have reached the level of senior producer, have achieved considerable professional reputations. For them, the choice was to move up the BBC's steep ladder of promotion, or to leave and join the industry's pool of freelance producers/ directors. They chose to leave. As independents they can pick and choose work to suit their hours. rather than be dominated by the office diary. But also I suspect they made their decision because

promotion in television can be

At comparatively junior levels, researchers, directors and producers have immediate contact with programme material, with people and places all over the world. They can walk through any door, the tower block in Paddington, the vaults in the Bank of England, if they are there to make a programme. They can enjoy the crackle of their work on the air, the most exciting and immediate

profoundly unattractive.

The adrenalin of programmemaking is addictive. I speak as an addict so seriously hooked that when once I was asked to apply for a senior executive job, I found it impossible even to contemplate unhooking myself from my job as producer/presenter. must trade this immedi-

communication with the viewer.

nt once women tread the ladder of promotion, they ate reward for the more subtle ones of commissioning, hiring and firing, allocating budgets, deciding policy. The pastry cooks become the menu-planners. They gain power and status but many women regard these as

millstones, not milestones.

So I believe that to achieve the new BBC targets of women in senior management it will take more than a change of working practice by the men who run the BBC. It will take a real change in attitudes and aspiration by the women who work there. They will have to be prepared to fail, and fail publicly. They will have to learn to make the nasty decision, to fire, to cut budgets, to withstand painful controversy, criticism and political battles because that is the price of the most senior jobs. They will have to give up the fun. the high of direct programme making. What are the rewards?

The rewards will be the satisfaction of enabling other talent, of expressing female strengths. providing role models in the office and in the studio, on the screen and behind it. The men who run the BBC have opened the door, not wide, but wide enough for women to stop kicking and start walking through it. Will the women in broadcasting have the courage to take up the challenge?

Oh, jings! Those were the days

In an age of pre-teen love comics, an appreciation of girls who were girls

ew things are as poignant as a really old children's comic. It is a solemn, autumnal thought that the little girls who first giggled over the adventures of Lettice Leefe, the Greenest Girl in the School, are now contemplating the menopause and identifying more with Miss Froth, the headmistress. Belle of the Ballet has long since come down off her

points, and probably taken a job as a regional arts administrator, Susan of St Brides will have discarded her starched cap and collar to many Max, her un-cannily respectful someone should put up a statue to the Reverend Mar-

cus Morris, the creator of Eagle and Girl: he tried so hard to keep childhood wholesome. It is not entirely his fault that he failed.

These melancholy reflections arise from a couple of evenings spent immersed in Denis Gifford's loving compilation of The Best of Girl Annual 1952-1959. The period appears to have been a golden one: after a rocky start in 1961 the sister paper to the more famous Eagle hit its stride rapidly and with Mr Morris guided by thousands of young readers' letters found a formula which worked.

t least, it worked until the Sixties struck: after the Cavern Club I doubt whether even the most gently brought-up girls would any longer have put up with profiles on the lines of "Dennis Lotis . . . with his "dashing pink-painted piano", or indeed "Kenneth More, a naturally gay person".

Girl had a peculiar and endearing way with hell-raisers: there is a profile of Vivien Leigh which succeeds in mentioning two marriages but no divorce, and describes her nervous breakdown as "like an overworked motor-car ... she was reconditioned, re-

geared and returned ready for the road again!". And the account of "shy, polite" Richard Burton and his wife Sybil is positively inspiring. At least, it inspires you to turn the page quickly and, "Make a Tyrolean Belt". But that was standard Fifties

fare. Far more important about Girl are the comic-strips, and an evening with these should wipe the patronising smile off any modern woman's face. The gloomy truth is that today's girlchildren are offered absolutely quality, breadth and feminist vision. Some, to be sure, are mere school and hospital soap operas, but they ranged wider than that. When Clare Francis and Naomi James were still in ankle socks, let me tell you, there was Captain Starling, flame-haired skipper of the yacht Kestrel ("Sam! Cram on all the sail she'll carry!"). There was Sumuna of her South Sea isles, always game to save a pearldiver from the jaws of a giant clam, and Martine, creeping over pagoda roofs to foil the bandits of

Huan Ming. All these girls - and even Susan of St Brides, the kindhearted student nurse, - are drawn with strong features, clear eyes, and bodies robust enough to row against storms ("Jings! My strength's giving out!"). Their clothes, moreover, are suitable for clambering up ivy and through subterranean passages. None of them show the slightest tendency

to define themselves through boyfriends, conform to social pressures or slump into premature wifehood. They are young and free and ust as good as boys, and they know it: years betore Greer, these were no female euyoung at the dog-

end of it all, I vaguely remember the pleasure of stories in which girls led and instigated, instead of forever being rescued.

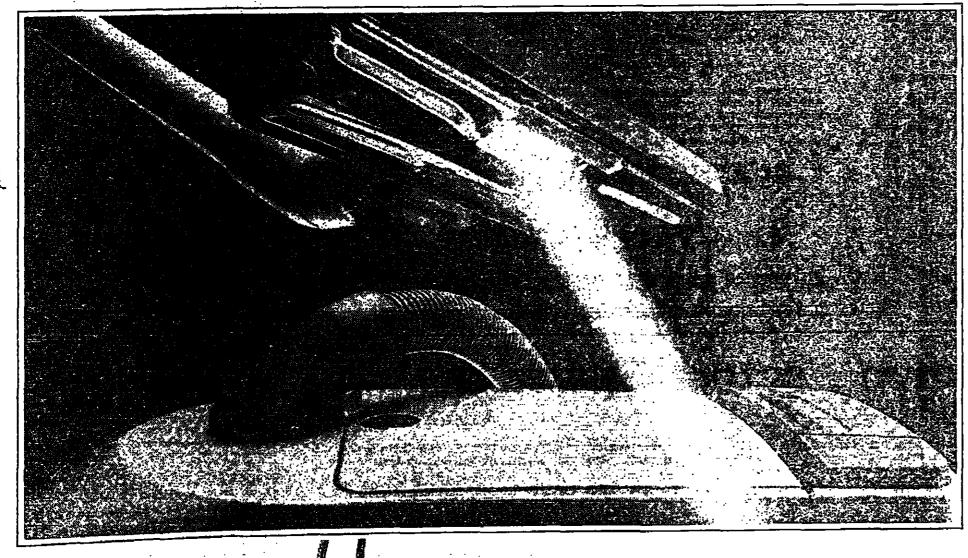
Reading today's teenage girls' magazines it does not take long to see what has happened. If there is a drawn strip, then lips pour, breasts are tip-tilted, and great tears roll down flawless cheeks. If there is an article on "What's more important? Boyfriends or a career?" it will hastily disown its message with "Speaking of careers, have you ever dreamt of being a model?" Not only is the vocabulary of all sub-teenage magazines minute, with everything "awesome!", or "mega groovy"; but the girls' magazines relentlessly reinforce the view that life without a boy is empty.

Fresh from the bracing rantasy of Wendy and Jinx rescuing a kidnapped heiress in their canoe, it is a shock to read the 1990 problem pages. They do their best, but betray a readership of girls enslaved by tawary images of sexuality. The adjoining pages and advertisements all show girls leaning dependently on boys' chests: the Girl girl was at least offered models of self-assertion and bloody-minded independence.

o what happened to Girl? It died in the Sixties, was revived as a comic in 1980 by IPC, then relaunched with more fashion, beauty and pop to attract advertisers. It failed and was ignominiously merged with My Guv in March of this year.

"It's romantic photo-stories," says Jackie Newcombe, publisher of young women's magazines at IPC. "With the odd social issue, of course. Like Aids." Absolutely no chance, then, of reviving any Storvlines about damne en ers wrestling giant clams? "You're joking. If you suggested that stuff to today's 13-year-olds they would say, 'Nah, it's got to be rap and hip-hop and lots of guys'. And it's got to have swearing in it. They always ask for street language."
Even if they had asked, one feels, Mr Morris would not have given it

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Apple aims for big bite of the cherry

Computer giants in cut-price battle

their manufacturers try to revive a dormant market ference between most brands. with sharply falling growth rates. Computer magazines now advertise a host of less well known makes and a few in producing machines com-

In what is clearly a buyers' market, one of the best known computer companies, Apple, has decided that there might be something in the "pile them high, sell them cheap" strategy that made Amstrad's original personal computers so successful.

This week Apple announced a long awaited new range of three Macintosh computers that start from £660 (including VAT) - almost half the price of its current cheapest model.

Called the Macintosh Classic and aimed at first time users, the cheapest black and white machine comes with one megabyte of memory and a floppy disc drive. It pitches Apple back into competition with IBM for cheaper machines. IBM recently announced its own computer for first time users - the PS/1 which sells for about £1,000.

Apple used its Macintosh computers to pioneer the concept of desktop publishing. Although the Classic will handle popular DTP packages, customers who want to use more sophisticated software will have to opt for the more expensive version with hard disc and increased memory that takes the price above

A better choice for such applications might be the second new model, the LC, a memory and a 40-megabyte hard disc at around £1,700. It includes a microphone to the idea of selling more and record and store voice messages with a computer file "in much the same way as handwritten notes are added to printed documents", says the

For serious business use there is a cheaper version of the Macintosh II series at around £2,600 - which includes the ability to place voice recordings in files so that they can "speak" to the

The problem for many buyers of personal computers is

ersonal computer prices that having decided on what are continuing to fall as level of power is required there is increasingly little dif-

That has not been the case with Apple which has never followed the rest of the market more famous ones that start at less than £500. patible with the industry standard of IBM compatibility imposed by the runaway success of IBM's initial personal computer.

The difference has been both a strength and a weakness. Initially it gave Apple the ability to produce machines admired for their easy to use picture-based software.

Now competitors have been able to emulate many of the best features - helped most recently by the success of the Windows 3.0 program that can give IBM-style personal computers the same look and feel as a Macintosh yet remain compatible with industry standard software.



Challenger: Classic computer

Apple is also facing competition in the emerging market for multi-media systems that mix video pictures, sound

lis products have begun to look seriously overpriced. Until now the company has relatively cheap colour computer with 2 megabytes of memory and 6 40 memory an than its rivals.

But Apple's conversion to cheaper products did not impress the stock market this week, which is concerned about reduced profit margins.

Along with cheaper computers Apple is expected to become more amenable to licensing the Macintosh technology to others so that Macintosh clones may appear. The company has recently been in discussions with both Toshiba and Sony on the possibility of producing a laptop computer.

MATTHEW MAY

Free power from beneath the waves

working with the Taiwanese government and industry to harvest electricity from the sea using a novel method known as ocean thermal energy conversion (Otec).

The five-megawatt project, which would provide power for about 5,000 homes, could lead to the widescale commercial development of a form of renewable energy claimed to be one of the world's most environmentally benign.

Unlike tidal and wave power Otec systems work 24 hours a day, exploiting the temperature difference between the warm surface seas and the deep, cold, polar waters found in tropical and sub-tropical regions at 1,000-metre depths.

Many of the countries in these regions are reliant on fuel imports.Recent estimates from the United States calculate that 60,000 megawatts of the world's electricity could be generated from the oceans' temperature gradients by the year

Britain, with offshore engineering skills developed from its North Sea oil exploration, is funding technical and economic research on Otec systems at several academic centres, including Manchester and Newcastle universities. The research is co-ordinated by the Marine Technology Directorate in London, and could form part of Wealth from the Oceans, a new trade and industry initiative.

Many of the nations that could benefit from the vast renewable

space agency, Nasa, to study

the heart function of astronauts

should soon be available in hos-

pitals. It uses a new radioisotope,

tantalum-178, and a new type of

while sharply reducing radiation

The principle is the same as

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the market for 25 years. A radio-

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bloodstream, and carried to the

heart or other organs. It emits gamma rays which are detected by a

camera and converted into an image capable of showing details of

The new system, marketed by Xenos Medical Systems of Houston

Texas, was originally developed by

Jeffrey Lacey at the Johnson Space

organ function.

camera to provide better images

diagnostic system originally

developed for the American

bouring seas are also keen to promote agriculture and aquaculture. Otec systems, apart from generating electricity, bring up nutrient-rich cold waters from the deep that could be discharged into tanks, sited next to power stations, for raising fish and shellfish, and high-value marine plants such as seaweed for food and medical

'Virtually all the capital costs will be paid off in eight years'

Tests in Hawaii, where statefunded projects have been under investigation since the Seventies, indicate that when the putrient-rich waters are exposed to warm suplight at the surface, the growth of marine animals and plants is accelerated several-fold.

In addition, areas of the world with coastal borders that are short of drinking and irrigation water, such as the Caribbean island of St Lucia, can use part of an Otec plant's electricity production to desalinate sea water.

Studies are also being conducted around the world to develop Otec grazing" systems that would roam the oceans, generating electricity to mine sea-bed minerals or to process ores at sea. The processing plants could also be used to split water into oxygen and hydrogen. The hydrogen could be shipped as a liquid fuel

or used as a raw material for making energy-intensive fertilisers.

After North Sea gas and oil, engineers are now working on generating electricity from the oceans. Nick Nuttall reports

Details of the Taiwanese plans, published in the autumn issue of the Society for Underwater Technology's journal. Underwater Technology, comes at a time of growing

Don Lennard, the director and

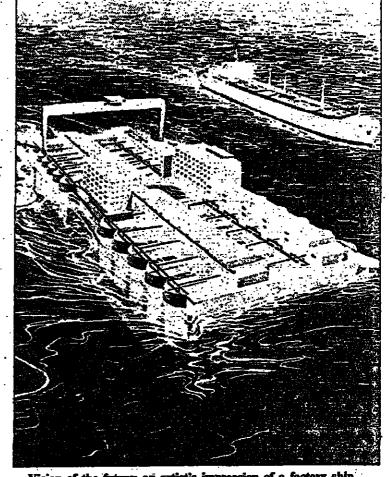
chief executive of the Marine

Technology Directorate in London and the managing director of Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion Systems, of Orpington in Kent, says the present 2.5 per cent efficiency of such systems is poor when com-pared with a coal-fired or oil-fired power station, but the fuel is free.

Mr Lennard, a consultant to the Taiwanese programme, says: "It is an equation between the capital costs of an inefficient system, typically \$10,000 per kilowatt, and the much lower cost of a coal-fired or oil-fired power station, less than \$1,000 per kilowatt, but which you have to keep paying to fuel."

alculations indicate that, with oil at \$28 to \$30 a barrel, the economic equation begins swinging in favour of Otec stations. At \$40 a barrel the attractiveness soars because virtually all the capital costs will be paid off after eight-and-ahalf years.

Most international effort has concentrated on the Otec closedcycle system, in which a heat exchange fluid, such as ammonia, is evaporated, creating power to turn a generator, and the cold water re-



Vision of the future: an artist's impression of a factory ship, powered by electricity generated from the heat of the oceans

process. Put simply, Mr Lennard says, the system mimics the domestic refrigerator in reverse.

In the Taiwanese scheme, envisged as a seven-year test prototype which may lead to larger commercial plants, planners have opted for a shore-based plant, where the cold water intake pipe will run out from the Otec power station into the sea.

envisage that floating plants, such as a 10-megawatt system devised by Otec and sited offshore, will be the way forward.

The main hurdle, however, which supporters of such systems need to overcome is the traditional scepticism of financiers towards new technologies. "When the first commercial one is built, I am convinced they will snowball rapidiy," Mr Lennard says.

Space spin-off helps heart checks

Centre in Houston. He needed a system that could be used repeatedly on astronauts to ensure that their hearts were working well, without exposing them to dangerous amounts of radiation.

Dr Lacey selected tantalum-178, which has a half-life of only 9.3 minutes. This is long enough to produce images, but not long enough to cause unecessary exposure. It decays 30 times more quickly than technetium-99, an isotope normally used for such

To match the new isotope, Dr Lacey devised a new camera which is much lighter than existing ones and capable of producing better images. This uses a crossed matrix Portable machine is cheaper and safe to use on infants

rather than crystals of sodium iodide. According to Xenos, it is five times faster and produces twice the resolution of conventional cameras while weighing only a third as

The Xenos system appears ideally suited to "first-pass" studies of the heart, in which the radioisotope is imaged as it reaches the heart. Existing systems do not do this very effectively, relying instead on imaging a large succession of heartbeats

and averaging, which often produces unsatisfactory test results. The first Xenos system in the United Kingdom may be installed at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast. A group from the hospital

travelled to Houston to see the system working and are now frying to raise the money to buy the hardware and set up a four-year research study of it in the hospital. Dr Jimmy Laird, a radiologist at the hospital, lists the system's advantages. First, he says, it is genuinely portable which existing systems, weighing half to three

quarters of a ton, are not. This means it could be used in emer-

gency situations, to look, for example, at the heart of a patient

admitted to casualty after an apparent heart attack.

It produces a much lower radiation dose, one twentieth of conventional systems, which means that it could be used on infants, excluded from this type of diagnosis at present because their low body weight means that radiation doses are too high. Dr Laird says that the Xenos system is not capable of replacing all existing gamma cameras but that it is very promising.

Joe Dickinson, who runs Xenos's European operations from Old Trafford, Manchester, says that it will also be a lot cheaper, selling for about £90,000 against nearer £140,000 for existing systems. He is hoping to bring two into Europe during 1991, one for Belfast and another for a hospital in Gothen-

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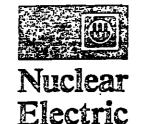
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The golden days are over as jobs in the information technology field disappear

Economic worries slow recruitment

he recruitment of in-formation technology staff is declining across the board as companies reduce their expenditure in the face of an economic downslowing down recruitment

Although IT is an area traditionally seen as suffering trim their computing budgets. from a huge skills shortage, several recent reports show which took part in a survey by Price Waterhouse earlier this month reported plans to cut back on IT staff and expenback on IT staff and expen-diture "in the face of a longer-term. About 15 per cent said

term recession". The downturn is also causing a loss of confidence among computing services compan-ies, many of which are reducing staff numbers. The Computing Sersalary vices Association increases' (CSA) agrees that the high expansion

The chief executives of 160 CSA companies have re-corded their lowest-yet level of business confidence," the CSA

Less than a third of the warns in a survey on trends average IT budget is spent on which says that growth in IT staff and the Price Waterhouse staff has been slowing in the survey of 1,000 IT executives past year and numbers are probably now falling.

A recent survey of IT staff. at 1,000 locations, carried out by Peddar Associates, suggests there is no longer a staff shortage, with companies reporting a 4.6 per cent

"This figure does not indicate that companies are suffering from staff shortages as there will always be some level of vacancies at any one time," Derek Peddar, the managing director of Peddar

"It is perfectly normal for any site to be about 5 per cent short, due mainly to factors such as retirement, promotions, transfers within an organisation and resignations."

Most IT staff are now receiving modest salary in-

per cent, compared with a

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more usual industry average of about 12 per cent. Employment agencies hanturn, leaving contractors out dling contract staff report that of work and software houses the market has slumped, leaving some of their freelancers unemployed as companies

More than 50 per cent of the executives questioned in the how quickly this shortage has Price Waterhouse survey indisappeared into thin air. A dicated their budgets would third of 100 large companies remain the same - a drop in real terms given the current inflation rate - while only 15 per cent said their budgets

their budgets would be cut in the their 'Most staff short term, rising to more than 33 are now per cent in the case receiving of a longer-term recession. modest These trends

confirmed earlier predictions that the IT jobs market was moving into recession. An earrates for high technology staff lier survey by Price at the end of the Eighties "are Waterhouse said the average

IT budget for companies with a department of more than

showed that employee numbers had been cut by an average of two per installation throughout the country. The same trend was evident in the last main IT slowdown in 1985. At that time, many of the cuts involved permanent staff. Instead, companies indicated they will increase their numbers of contract staff to make up the shortfall.

reelance contractors increased their share of the IT budget by 15.7 per cent, and the amount spent on in-house staff fell by 11.6 per

However, companies are now also cutting back on contractors, with one recruitment agency reporting that about a third of short-term freelance staff are currently creases of between 7.5 and 10 unable to find employment.

Children face mercury danger



Crippled for life; the tragic result of mercury poisoning at Minamata in Japan people of Hispanic descent in the

ercury vapour may be a health hazard in many Latin American homes where the liquid metal is used to ward off evil spirits, according to Dr Arnold Wendroff of Columbia University, New York, writing in today's Nature magazine.

Although there are as yet no authenticated cases of mercury poisoning as a result of domestic exposure, he says, the accumulation of toxic vapour in some homes may be dangerous. Childrea exposed to constant, small amounts of mercury may develop erethism, a personality disorder. In Britain, the Health and

recommends a maximum concentration of 0.05 milligrams per cubic metre. The executive warns of the extreme toxicity of mercury vapour, which soon accumulates in confined spaces wherever mer-

guidance note to industry,

cury is exposed.

Dr Wendroff's findings come from a journey into the occult underworld of New York, sparked off by a chance remark. While teaching a remedial junior high school class in the uses of metals, Dr Wendroff, who is an authority on east African folk rituals, found that thermometers were not the first answer that sprang to the mind of one student asked about the uses of mercury. Discussions after class revealed

that the student's mother sprinkled droplets of mercury around the house, in accordance with her religious beliefs. She, like many

Henry Gee reports

on Latin American

families who risk poisoning themselves

Americas, followed a little-known mystical religion called Santeria a fusion of west African Yoruba magic and Roman Catholicism. Dr Wendroff's self-financed investigations, aided by a Spanishspeaking assistant and a large

collection of telephone directories in his local Brooklyn library, led him in to a twilight world of apothecaries, called "botanicas" in Latin America. There are dozens of these small shops in Brooklyn alone, selling medicinal herbs, patent medicines, incense, devotional candles for Santeria rituals, books and icons. Mercury (referred to as azoge) is

sold in glass vials, gelatin capsules, or in soap for cleaning floors, in quantities as large as 13 grams and for prices as low as 50 cents. Mercury around the house is said to attract the good and repel the bad - botanica owners dispense it freely, and are in no hurry to mop up spills in their own shop. Health authorities in the United

States are only just beginning to realise that mercury in the home is a health hazard, but its use is so much a part of Santeria folk life, and decontamination is so difficult and expensive, that Dr Wendroff believes that there is little that can be done.

The best course, he says, is education - testing urine samples for the presence of mercury, and explaining the dangers of mercury to those at risk. This, too, might be an uphill struggle.

From his own experience with folk medicine, people remain faithful to folk remedies, even to ward off evil spirits when harmful effects are brought to their notice. While working in Malawi in Africa, Dr Wendroff found that a popular local remedy for eye complaints was a preparation so caustic that it destroyed the corneas of one in five patients in

some areas. Another problem is that relatively little is known about the effects of long-term, low-level exposure to elemental, metallic mercury. Much more is known about organic mercury compounds, which cause a range of nervous disorders.

Organic mercury compounds exacted a gruesome toll in the fishing village of Minamata in Japan in the Fifties and Sixties, when villagers are mercury-loaded fish contaminated with effluent from a nearby factory. Many babies were deformed at birth as a result, and relatives are still

seeking compensation.

The effects of mercury on its own are more subtle. Chronic industrial exposure may result in a range of nervous complaints. Erethism, the psychiatric side of the coin, is manifested as abnormal shyness, loss of confidence, irritability, irrational fear and depression and, in extreme cases, loss of memory and hallucina-

Designer drugs at bargain prices

panies are hoping to save millions of pounds by using the increased power available from supercomputers to model molecule combina-

performance of drug designs. Until recently, the pharmaceutical and agrochemical industry has been sceptical about the contribution of molecular modelling to drug

Factors changing their thinking are increased computing power and developments in physical chemistry theory, in which Professor Graham Richards, of Oxford University, has played a big drug has what is known as a may cost £2,000. A valid a brilliant organic chemist, part. Using supercomputers, "binding affinity" to the tar-

PHARMACEUTICAL com- Drug companies hope to save millions efficiency, a process which by testing new products on computers

such as the Cray and IBM get molecule, it has to push tions on screen and test the facilities available at the Science and Engineering Research Council's Rutherford Professor Richards's tech-Appleton Laboratory, Professor Richards has modelled molecules as they come together and the effects of the this, allowing drug companies thousands of water molecules

that surround them. Every water molecule has a sive tests start. force field of its own, as does every molecule that is of pharmaceutical company interest to the would-be drug designer. If the prospective

water molecules out of the way to successfully bind. nique is attractive because the computer simulates how good a prospective drug is at doing

To bring a drug to market, a may need to synthesise 10,000 compounds and each

can take years and cost £20 million or more. The supercomputer

method also comes into its own in simulating how prospective drugs will pass through cell membrane and interact with important body chemicals, again eliminating another element of costly laboratory experimenting.

Will supercomputer drug to eliminate about 40 per cent modelling pose a threat to the creativity of organic chemof compounds before expen-Professor Richards says:

"Even though there are other

kinds of computer packages

that help in this sort of thing,



Professor Richards: supercomputer for molecule modelling

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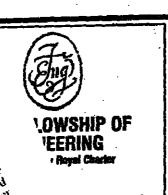
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FRIEND OF MY YOUTH By Alice Munro Charto & Windus, £13.99 THE SIXTH DAY By Primo Levi Translated by Raymond Michael Joseph, £13.99

ALICE MUNRO knows how to do some things better than almost anyone else. Her stories are intimate, like private jokes or family photographs, but she describes love (or the promise of it, or the memory of it) in unfamiliar ways. Her latest collection begins and

ends with a reckoning. In "Friend of My Youth" a daughter's recollection of her dead mother helps her come to terms with the past. In "Wigtime", a daughter returns to nurse her dying mother. Her hope increases for the dimlyperceived future. The practice of treating the past, and the future, as special cases of the present is widespread in Friend of My Youth. Time travel makes up for a

lack of mobility elsewhere.

The stories refer to events in the Lakeside town of Walley, Ontario. Munro sifts the wreckage of the female population and turns up disappointments, aimless lives, and messy marriages. Her men are monsters of inwardness. The storytelling is less straightforward than her elegant prose makes it appear. The style is alert with anxiety and desire. Through parallels and overlaps of coincidence. she explores a pattern in the lives of unspectacular women who nurture their dreads in solitude and then, with ferocious intensity. project them onto the world.

If Munro's writing, even at its most quixotic and strange, is grounded in reality. Primo Levi addresses the corollary issue of whether estrangement can any longer be avoided. The glaring fact of Levi's life was his incarceration in Auschwitz. As a writer, turning that experience into literature, he kept his anger in check. Seldom does the reader feel that Levi is on the verge of an outburst.

The stories now translated in The Sixth Day originally appeared during the Sixties. They fall into the science fiction category, although there is nothing artificial about the horrors Levi describes. The approach to experience is as complex as anything to be found in The Periodic Table or The Drowned and the Saved. Shame, according to Levi, was the legacy of survivors. It invades the stricken landscape of The Sixth Day. A feeling of complicity is inescapable. He communicates a sense of pain that cannot be absorbed, given its place.

In "Psychophant" an exclusive dinner party is shocked by the conjuring up of a gadget that reveals the inner image of anybody who holds it. Gadgets take up much of The Sixth Day. A couple of stories, for instance, describe the Mimer, a copier that reproduces in depth. duplicating identity as well as matter. It's a pretty conceit. There is a fear in it. jar containing a skeleton with a



Playing devil's advocate with aplomb: Piers Paul Read, raking over everything from good and evil to international politics and the needs of women

Jesus rose: or did He really?

n The Third Day He rose again from the dead." Suppose He did not - what would the implications be for individual believers, for Christianity as a whole, for world politics? And how could it be proved that the Resurrection was a lie? Only by the discovery of the human re-

mains of Jesus of Nazareth. This is what Piers Paul Read's new novel is about. It is a theological thriller -- just the genre, if genre it be, to suit his tastes and gifts for the macabre, for moral dilemmas, historical settings. In 1988 Michael Dagan, a uished Israeli archaeologist, is asked by his son, who works for Israeli Intelligence, to examine something that has been found under the old retaining walls of what was once Herod's Temple in the Muslim quarter of Jerusalem. Bugging devices are being planted in the ancient tunnels to eavesdrop on the leaders of the Palestinian intifada; in the course of opening up the labrinth, they have found an oil-

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Victoria Glendinning on a tense theological shroud-ripper: odd body in a tomb; monk hangs himself; pax vobiscum

huge crusty nail through its ankles and scratch-marks, as from thorns, on its skull.

This is creepy enough; but Father Lambert, the leading British archaeologist whom Dagan secretly summons to inspect the skeleton, is a particularly holy and charismatic monk, who after his return to London is discovered dead, hanging from the window of his cell. It is assumed by Andrew, his devoted pupil, that Lambert committed suicide on being faced with the knowledge that his whole life was wasted; for if there was no Resurrection then Jesus was not the Son of God. Suicide is a mortal sin, and the superior of the order connives in a cover-up.

Young Andrew notices that Father Lambert's notebook is missing from his desk. Maybe the monk was murdered? Maybe the find too is a hoax; it is supported by a newly-discovered codex in Vilinius, which makes reference to the belief that the Romans stole

his may be a big week for prizewinners, but it seems a bit thin on good new fiction.

Judith Rossner takes the well-

worn theme of a big studio

producer struggling to cope with a

cluster of wives, starlets, and lawyers in Beverly Hills. His Little

ON THE THIRD DAY By Piers Paul Read Secker & Warburg, £13.99

Jesus's body from the tomb and buried it in an oil-jar. But the codex also could be a forgery.

Dramatic incidents, as gripping as the discovery of the skeleton, or of the monk's body hanging from the window, stud the novel at strategic intervals. There is a moment of suspense so acute when someone is about to be assassinated with a poisoned syringe in the church in London's Soho Square - that your reviewer had to put the book down and walk around the room before she could turn the page. There is a lot of sex in it too, since Andrew, released from his vow of celibacy by the discovery that Jesus was a mere man, makes ecstatic love to Dagan's daughter Anna. But at the

root this is a discussion-novel.

Priests, cardinals, archaeologists, and Andrew's worldly brother Henry analyse the implications of the still-unpublicised discovery in a series of seminars.

It is not always easy reading, as the scholarly arguments swing back and forth. Pontius Pilate may have hidden the body, and encouraged the idea of the Resurrection, in order to foster a mild and non-aggressive religion that could bring stability to his troubled province. The modern liberal theologians welcome the discovery, since many of them have ceased to believe literally in the Resurrection anyhow. Atheistic. Henry thinks that Christian gentleness stems from "fear of life", and that religious vocations are by definition indications of psychosis. What a relief, if Jesus was just a good man and not God.

But if it is a hoax, who perpetrated it? Who gains from undermining the central tenet of Christianity? Pehaps Gorbachev,

afraid of an upsurge of religion under perestroika. Or maybe the Israelis: they have a propaganda crisis now that the supply of war criminals is running out; and American Jews will not be able to determine American policy for long because of the growing influence of Catholic Hispanics and southern Baptists.

Those who know Read's own religious position will not be amazed by the way the mystery is finally unravelled, though be plays

finally unravelled, though he plays the devil's advocate with aplomb. It is not only questions of faith. and of good and evil, that get raked over here, but patriotism, international politics, marital ethics, the needs of women, the care of children, ambition, corruption, the nature of neurosis. Much of this is tendentious, and a lot to

cover in 280 pages.

But the only thing that stops On The Third Day from being altogether brilliant is the writing itself, which is sometimes pedes trian, or turgid, or just slack, as if was saying that he cared too little for how he said it. Nevertheless, it's essential reading.

Devil's Spectacles he describes a

group of people living in that part

of the Scottish Highlands where

many livelihoods depend on sum-

mer tourism. When the Loch Ness

Monster turns out to be simply a

huge slug that self-destructs when lifted from the water, it is clear that some other mystery must be

found to keep the tourists coming.

Fortunately, someone stumbles on deep underground caves,

which only need a little painting-

up in the manner of Lascaux, to be

passed off as the most important

archaeological find of the century. The intricacies of the deception

fascinate the author. He is shrewd

in his analysis of the vanities both

of archaeologists and of steadfast

believers in unlikely interference

from spacemen. Perhaps, in this

way, it is more a journalist's account of patterns of behaviour

than a novelist's account of the

interplay of personalities.

The formula followed in James
Mitchell's A Woman to be Loved

leaves no room for uncertainty. It

is the story of a girl's recovery

Heroine sleuth on job

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Marcel Berlins

POSTMORTEM
By Patricia Daniels Cornwell Macdonald, £12.95

THE supply of excellent American women crime writers with strong sleuth-heroines seems inexhaus ible. Cornwell's character is Dr Kay Scarpetta, chief medical of-ficer of the state of Virginia. There is a series of sadistic killings of young women in their own bedrooms, with nothing to link the victims. Scarpetta's job - her accession to which dismayed local male networks - is on the line if she doesn't produce a result. Her research is tampered with, the suspects include her own about-to-be lover, and the chief cop is a rednecked misogynist. Terrific first novel, full of suspense, in which even the scientific bits grip.

• Kaddish in Dublin, by John Brady (Constable, £12.95). Dublin Garda's Inspector Matt Minogue. masking his cultured poetry-lov masking his custified poetry-lov-ing sensitiveness with a bog-frish facade ("Why ruin a good stereo-type?" he remarks), funts the executioner of Jewish Supreme Court judge's journalist son, Palestinian motives look most likely, then another death raises the possibility of sinister Catholic involvement, reaching the inner recesses of Irish political life. Brady's best informed, subtle, and intelligent, with Minogue revealing a hitherto unseen depth of soul, humour, and emotion.

• Trial by Fire, by Frances Fyfield sex commuter village hosts pleth-ora of lurking evil, culminating in the finding of a woman's body in the woods, victously bludgeoned and stabbed. Superintendent Bailey leads the enquiries; his un-likely cohabitee; Crown Prosecutor Helen West, disbelieving the obvious evidence, becomes a reluctant succeper, putting their relationship, and herself, at risk. The cast, exceptionally well drawn, includes a simple-minded sexually advanced thief, a manipulative, precedious schoolgir, and a randy English teacher. Many chilling moments lead to superb, unexpected climax.

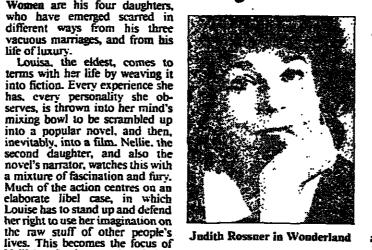
● The Becket Factor, by Michael David Anthony (Collins, £11.95). The Becket is Thomas, and a newly innearthed coffin might contain his remains - which could awaken religious controversy, just when a new Archbishop of Canterbury is about to be chosen. An elderly Canon dies in suspicious circs, and Richard Harrison, formerly of British Intelligence, now diocesan (dilapidations officer) finds himself in the centre of devious, murky church politics. Splendid mix of the ecclesiastical, homicidal, political, and espionage: impressive first novel.

 Mayhem in Parva, by Nancy Livingston (Gollanc=, £12.95), Mr Pringle, tax inspector (retired). visits his roots at Wuffinge Parva. A rumaway hearse bashes into his car, he stumbles on village worthy Doris, bumped off and wearing a woollen hat with an Aztec pattern belonging to village nuisance Miranda. The body vanishes. Among many other ingredients: suspicions Saxon wall paintings. mysterious Swedish honeymooners, and a "frogs have rights" campaign. Livingston's characters inhabit a uniquely surreal, lunatic world of criminality, Her oddball humour is not to everyone's taste. But on form, no one can pack so many laugh-outlouds into one book.

● Veugeance: by Max Marquis (Macmillan, £11.95). Axe in OC's head, crossbow in courier, policeman gunned down: Inspector Harry Timberlake seeks hidden links between apparently random events, tries to prevent continuation of sequence, while coping with ambivalent emotions over competing love affairs. Formula well-handled, climax paced.

● The Dead Do Not Praise # Pauline Bell (Macmillan, 1/16) Comfortably old-fashioned feltimer asking traditional whose timer asking traditional whose timer asking traditional whose timer study fire headmistress in her study fire apparently spinsterish victin had sexy underwear, there's an sourtment of variously motivated suspects, and sound school atmosphere of the companiers rather than public kind Lioud debut, but Bell must comain her penchant for caricature Frenchmen, and working-class characters who drop initial airches and final.

Stardust gets in your face-lift



Judith Rossner in Wonderland

mixes self-indulgence with strength. The action takes place in Edinburgh, where Albanna, a chieftainess and Ancient Briton, suddenly appears from the realms of the dead to visit the last few years of the 20th century. All is not well in the British Isles. A highly repressive female prime minister is busy, like a bossy nanny, firming up her framework of social control. The gap between those who conform and those who do HIS LITTLE WOMEN By Judith Rossuer Sinclair-Stevenson, £13.95 **QUEENDOM COME** By Ellen Galford Virago, £4.99

THE DEVIL'S **SPECTACLES** By David Alexander Alison & Busby, £12.99 A WOMAN TO BE LOVED By James Mitchell Sinclair-Stevenson, £14.99

not is being forcibly widened by the stream of penalties which pour down on the poor, the homeless. the rebellious or sexually deviant. Albanna's arrival "to save her people" provides some comic ironies mixed with farce of the school dorm variety. Half the ingenuity, and more time to relish it, might have made the message

David Alexander works out a

from her experiences as an ambulance driver in the Great War. and the sadness of her adjustment to an empty life afterwards. However, she is beautiful, shim, intelligent and caring, so she escapes from her narrow-minded mother, seizes her independence, does good in the world, and becomes a celebrity. It may be the stuff dreams are made of. It is the stuff that television serials are made of.

different sort of fantasy. In The

Nicola Murphy

Nellie's reflections on the relation

of fiction to reality. Although this

discussion has to keep leapfrog-ging over accounts of film star behaviour and face-lifts, Nellie's

thoughts are complex and strong

enough not to be swamped by the

Ellen Galford's tale, also

cautionary, is couched in franker

terms. The title. Queendom Come.

may seem coy, but this is a feminist fantasy which carelessly

cautionary tale of Hollywood.

AT THE Booker dinner Sir Denis

would arrive tomorrow. Foreign rights have been widely sold, and next week sees the launch of the American edition, and a nice New York Times review.

Meanwhile that same Wednesday morning. Hatchards might have pondered whether Chatto weren't a little premature in their orders. John McGahern's Amongst Women and Beryl Bainbridge's In Infully Big Adventure were selling better than the winning novel. Terry Maher, chairman of Pentos, was more

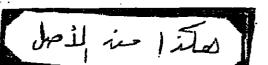
confident about Possession's prospects: "In the next few weeks Dillons will sell all of their 2,000-3,000 stock." Most of the public, in fact, will be waiting for the paperback, which is scheduled for publication early next year. "Winning the Booker means a dramatic increase in the print run," said Frances Coady from Vintage, the paperback imprint. "It would have been 70,000, now we're looking at 150,000. And of course we're absolutely thrilled for the

"I'm very fond of Possession, said the author. "But I feel a long way away from it, as the book went to the publishers a year and a haif ago. Now I have a terrible need to make things go back to normal." As for winning the Booker, she was perhaps most delighted to receive a telephone call from Iris Murdoch who "so hates the phone". And Wednesday afternoon Antonia Byatt still hadn't got around to putting the £20,000 cheque in the bank. Money just wasn't on her mind.

After Booker hype, wheels of Mammon

Forman, the chairman of the judges, sent out a prayer to "the only effective deliv working in the world of Thatcher", "Please, oh Mammon," he begged, "make market forces work to the benefit of the novel." By yesterday morning Mammon wheels were already in motion at A. S. Byatt's publisher. Chatto & Windus, to ensure that, in addition to the original run of 29,000 copies. 50,000 reprints book itself."

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French Weave

THE French have walked off with the 1990 European Museum of the Year Award, It goes to the Ecomuseum in Fourmies, an old textile manufacturing town near the Luxembourg border. The Ecomuseum, which has one of the largest collections of working textile machinery in the world wins a cash prize and a small Henry Moore sculpture. Muscums which have just opened or have been reorganised within the last two years, were eligible. Of seven considered "Outstanding" among the 34 candidates this year, two were British: the National Waterways Museum, Gloucester, and the National Museum of Photography, Film and Tele-vision in Bradford.

Not a prayer

THESE are tough days for the top Asian-music promoter, Jay Visva-Dev. First he heard ihat Greater London Arts was not giving him a grant for his urrent season of Indian sical concerts, including uch leading musicians as mrat Khan and Ali Akbar han. Later on the same day lis main sponsor—the listigs magazine City Limits— lent into receivership. Now is engaged in a theological spute with the Central Hall. stminster, regarding a conby the Pakistani devotack I singer Nusrat Fateh Ali disti. Apparently, the promo-

of sacred music is pro-

ed within the Central

is unless the devotion is

Midressed to the correct deity.

Chair leader

MORE news seeps out of Oxford about the imminent ppointment of Ian McKellen the next visiting professor drama. The playwright thur Miller was apparently So under consideration for e year-long appointment, sanced by the impresario dimeron Mackintosh. But as Wohen Sondheim was the ha professor, it was felt that

W second should be British. McKellen and the playchight Willy Russell were the olgenders. McKellen, of all se, is a Cambridge man.



Ian McKellen: Oxford bound

Last chance. The Edwardians and After offers a rare opportunity to see a selection of some of the finest sculptures and paintings assembled from the Royal Academy's own collection spanning the period 1900 to 1940 (and selected by Royal Academician Lawrence Gowing). Much of the work, submitted by Academy members to represent the way in which they wished to be seen by posterity, will be put back into storage when the exhibition closes on Sunday (071-439 7438).

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CINEMA; NEW RELEASES

Too much like hard work

Geoff Brown on Bird on a Wire, The

Little Mermaid. The Match Factory

Girl and a Japanese season including The Enchantment.

David Robinson on Silent Scream and

Salute of the Jugger

rying to entertain an audience can be back-breaking work. In Bird on a Wire (Plaza, 12), the filmmakers hurl male pin-up Mel Gibson and the perennially cute Goldie Hawn through a barrage of death-defying chases, aerial jaunts, and explosions. At the end, Gibson and the baddies battle for survival in a well-stocked zoo, dodging bullets and the malevolent intentions of six tigers, four alligators, a shoal of piranhas, and one baboon. Around 200 artists and technicians slaved behind the screen, headed by the director

John Badham; 17 stuntmen

risked their lives to thrill us.

All this plus 25 parrots. Yet their mountain of effort has only produced one of the worst cinematic molehills for some time. Even action extravaganzas need a decent story; Bird on a Wire offers just the skeleton of a yarn about a protected court witness (Gibson) on the run from the drug dealer he helped put behind bars. To make matters chintzier, his college girl-friend -now a hot-shot New York lawyer - crosses his path at a Detroit petrol station at the exact moment when the avenging villain finds his prey. The old acquaintances begin their nightmare ride as sparring partners; they end, of

course, with flames rekindled. The film equally fails as a star vehicle. Gibson displays his usuai attributes - blue eyes, gravel voice, a manly chest - but cannot put flesh on his anorexic character.



Hurled through a barrage: Mel Gibson and Goldie Hawn in Bird on a Wire

well, but wastes her energies on a demeaning role: when-ever physical calamity threatens, this smart corporate lawyer screams "Oh my God!".

Noise plays an important part throughout: squealing tyres, raging animals, thumping music. But the ultimate noise is of a hollow, top-heavy Hollywood concoction crashing ignobly to the ground.

A feature-length cartoon requires even more labour than any live-action frolic. The Little Mermaid (Warner West End, Odeon Marble Arch, U) employed nearly 600 people, beavering away for three years to turn Hans Christian Andersen's tale into a Disney film fit to stand alongside Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty. There has not been a new Disney fairy-tale for 30

Employees spent a good deal of time looking over their shoulders at the past. Ariel the mermaid boasts the familiar large, cute eyes; another Disney trademark, trails of twin-kling dust, has been simply

replaced by twinkling bubbles. dancing round the underwater creatures. The tale's Prince Charming - Prince Eric, in fact - is as bland as his forebears; while the seawitch, Ursula, seems a compendium of villainesses, particularly Maleficent from Sleeping

Yet this is no archaic revival. The directors, John Musker and Ron Clements, maintain a nervous pace geared to the short attention span of today's young viewers; while the Oscar-winning score Alan Menken dribbles fashionably over the ears. Only the Caribbean-flavoured number "Under the Sea" has the force of character to seep inside one's memory. The Little Mermaid is bright and busy enough to keep children amused; but sterner adults may find the old fairy-tale magic squeezed out by the film's synthetic mixture of

Perhaps the week's most striking film, The Match Factory Girl (Electric Portobello Road, 15), was made with a fraction of Disney's work-

force. The same man - Aki Kaurismāki - wrote, directed, and edited, stamping his unique perspective on life over every frame. The Finnish wonderboy's last creation, Leningrad Cowboys Go America, was a silly indulgence; this film, by contrast, lodges in the mind with a bullet's force.

is beroine is a match factory drudge, trod upon both at work and home, where she lives - mostly in silence with her mother and stepfather. A night out means a dejected dance hall, the Launderette, or a bad Marx Brothers movie (she cries). She believes she has found her own Prince Charming, but the man abuses her like everybody else. The worm finally turns, and buys rat poison.

Kaurismāki's declared aim was to make a film bleak and cryptic enough to make the austere French director Robert Bresson seem positively profligate. He succeeds, though not at the expense of

humour pokes through many of the domestic scenes, and Kati Outinen's plaintive looks irradiate a character who could easily seem a dull, dreadful doormat.

This is far more than an exercise in style: Kanrismáki digs away at his critique of Finnish society, while his characters are caught in their usual desperate dance of thwarted desires, betrayal and death. The Match Factory Girl is a bracing experience.

The Enchantment opens three-week season at the ICA devoted to "Young Japanese Cinema". In plot terms, Shunichi Nagasaki's film is actually on the old side: Forties Hollywood knew all about split personalities, susceptible psychiatrists and doting secretaries.

Lesbian relationships provide a new ingredient, though Nagasaki's dawdling manner and low-budget Tokyo settings never engender the hot-house atmosphere the characters' actions invite.

Hill climbing

A new American recruit strengthens the lineup of principal dancers for the Royal Ballet, as Debra Craine reports

allet directors dream babout a tall, dark and nandsome male dancer with long, elegant limbs, an anstocratic bearing and a polished technique. Anthony Dowell has just found one.

Today the Royal Ballet director will announce the signing, effective January 1, of American Robert Hill as a principal artist, an obvious successor to Jonathan Cope who retired last season as the company's leading male dancer. Hill's signing follows this summer's coup — the luring of Irek Mukhamedov from the Bolshoi – and gives Dowell two contrasting performers who, between them, could embrace all aspects of the repertoire.

The announcement will probably provoke the kind of xenophobic sentiment that questions the need to bring yet more foreigners into Britain's biggest ballet company. Some of the company's own male dancers will undoubtedly feel further frustrated as they watch their already limited opportunities for performance diminish with every passing guest artist. But this latest hiring will provide Dowell with what he desperately needs: a reliable partner with enough presence and stature to complement the company's taller women.

Whereas Mukhamedov has the fiery grandeur of an extroverted Russian on stage, Hill is hallet's equivalent of the Hollywood leading man sophisticated and romantic. The American's style, with its attention to detail and line, is compatible with the Royal's own, while his warm and spontaneous dramatic approach is refreshing. But he has yet to prove if he can match Mukhamedov's thrilling athletic magnetism.

At six-foot-one, with a strong lean build, the 29-yearold Hill was born to be a ballet prince, albeit a reluctant one. Because of my physique, yes am a prince, but that's not me inside. I have a lot more passion than these two-dimensional characters who don't give me enough range of expression. Physically they are not as rewarding as something

And the fact that being a prince is his stock in trade on the international guest artist circuit? "It is ironic, but business is business and you have to do certain things to enable you to do what you want." With the Royal he will continue to dance the traditional repertoire but wants to work with choreographers on contemporary ballets which are "a lot more off balance, not so rigid as the classical vocabulary."

Hill, a high school gymnast, started ballet training at the late age of 17 in Florida, where he grew up. Remarkably, only four years later, Mikhail Baryshnikov invited him to join American Ballet Theatre. He stayed six years, then. unhappy with what he saw as a negative atmosphere under Baryshnikov's directorship. left ABT for a brief stint with New York City Ballet before launching himself in 1988 as a

guest artist. "Every company needs a tall male dancer," he says, dismissing his own success on the circuit as "being tall is 99 per cent of it, talent is one per cent." Despite joining the Royal on a permanent basis next year, Hill bopes his career as an occasional visiting artist with other companies will continue. "There's a lot of work out there but a lot of it is not really interesting. A lot like Sleeping Beauty and Swan Lake - is forklifting and I

decided to be more selective." Tomorrow night he will partner rising star Darcey Bussell in the season's opener, Prince of the Pagodas. Next year his partners will include Sylvie Guillem and Altynai Asylmuratova. "It's very exciting for me to be in the Royal. This is a very reputable company and it says a lot in this business to be part of it."

His American expansiveness will set him apart from his colleagues, who tend to be more economical with their body language. "The British don't use the stage in the same way, they tend to cut underneath themselves. I know I move, I cover space. I hope with my dancing people will see that things can be done differently and still

Compelling portrait of a tragic prisoner

this year's Edinburgh Film Festival, Silent Scream (15, Metro 1), is an ambitious first film by the stage director and actor, David Hayman. Coproduced by Channel 4, the British Film Institute and the Fund, it confirms the emergence of an authentic Scottish

school of film making. The script is by Bill Beech, who met the protagonist of this real-life story when workinmates of the special prison unit at Barlinnie. Larry Winters had shown signs of mental instability and violent ten-dencies as a child. The Parachute Regiment did not help; and at 21 he was sentenced to

Best British Film at ment in alternative, demo- add further complications. cratic treatment of prisoners — he veered between depression and extreme aggression. Massive doses of prescribed sedatives, along with illicit drugs, led to addiction and death from overdose, Scottish Film Production at 34. In prison Winters produced a remarkable series of self-analytical poems and stories; and Bill Beech actually discussed with him the possibility of a film biography. Larry's story and person-

ing, as an art student, with the ality are explored in the random impressions of his final drug delirium. The plan is confused, though, by framing it within the story of his mother's last visit to the prison on the day of his death. Recurrent scenes in the prison life for murdering a barman. video control room, and a tragic figure - attractive, Predator and Blude Runner.

back and forth between childhood in Glasgow and rural Carbisdale, school, holiday outings, the army, 13 years of prison experiences, a memorable day's return home on parole. Often we rely on the state of Larry's ever-changing hair and beard to indicate time and place. There are additional interpolations of animated drawings, originally made by Bill Beech to illustrate Larry's poems.

Continuity is provided by lain Glen's compelling performance. Even if the fragmentary form of the script never allows him or the viewer to penetrate far into Winters' personality, he is a fascinating.

Jinner of the Michael Both in Inverness Prison device of having Larry's fanta-articulate, alternately gentle In a devastated future, the Powell Award for and Barlinnie — an experisies invade the monitors there, and vicious, bewildered by his only distraction amidst the own violence.

> But there is an obligation in this kind of real-life story to provide a modicum of information. Here information often seems sacrificed to selfconscious artistry, frustrating what we would like or need to know about the character. We learn little about the physical circumstances of the childhood, or of the relationships, even with his mother, of this remote and enigmatic figure. The Salute of the Jagger

(18, Cannon Panton Street, Scala King's Cross, ICA Cinema) is even more enigmatic. Filmed in Australia, this minimalist future-fantasy was directed and scripted by David Peoples. writer (or re-writer) of Leviaihun Lodshawke.

desperate struggle for survival is The Game, a form of combat whose rules are elusive except that the prize is a dog's skull. The film follows the fortunes and ultimate victory of one of the wandering teams of "Juggers" who compete in the League. The team stars are Rutger Hauer and new recruit Joan Chen (from The Last Emperor).

The dialogue is impenetrably cryptic, and thrown away in asides. At least, however, the story seems to have no metaphoric pretensions, unless in respect of David Peoples's reported ambition, "I've always wanted to write a pro-football story."

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Darcey Bussell partnered by Robert Hill in rebearsal

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ROCK

Cher Wembley Arena

BUT for the fact that she cannot dance. Cher is the Fame myth made flesh. In her time, she has been a star of Broadway (in Come Back to the Five and Dune, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean), of Hollywood (winning an Oscar for her performance in Moonstruck) and of American television (as host of her own comedy show). At Wembley we were reminded of all of this by a lively hotch-potch of archive film footage which was screened at strategic moments

throughout the performance. We saw her as the doe-eyed hippie songbird canoodling her way through "I Got You Babe" with her former husband Sonny Bono: as a garish Vegas-style creature in a variety of flamboyant head-dresses; accepting awards in a variety of ever-dwindling costumes; and tearing a strip off Jack Nicholson in The Witches of

Eastwick. There was little evidence of her presence on a rock stage since the mid-Seventies, however, and the look, sound and feel of the performance that followed betrayed a stylistic and musical aesthetic frozen in the era of American glam-rock kitsch, a sort of Rocky Horror Show meets the Tubes, but for real.

Cher came across as a thoroughly likeable personality in

ROCK

Barry White

Wembley Arena

A QUARTER of the premises was

curtained off for Barry White's one-night stand at Wembley

Arena. But as the show lumbered

on, it became evident that the

stage's draped backdrop had been

installed for an unexpected rea-

son: to provide hanging space for a vast quantity of black hand-

kerchief. It was, in short, part of

White was wise enough to know

National Review of

Live Art

Third Eye, Glasgow

THE National Review of Live Art

is a recent addition to the Glasgow

cultural calendar, but is now

established as one of the year's

most invigorating "performance

art" events. In the past it has originated such notable produc-

tions as DV8's Dead Dreams of

Monochrome Men. There was no

such overpowering experience this

year, but the event's tenth

anniversary did give participants a

chance to reflect on a decade of

work. Sadly, the problem of how

to fund an area that does not

readily recommend itself to Brit-

ain's arts sponsors, is becoming

The work on show came mostly

from the crossover between the-

atre, video and the visual arts.

Pure theatre, though of a strongly

visual kind, was provided by a

collaboration between Pete

Brooks and Claire MacDonald,

the founders of Impact. Their new

work. The Fall of Lucas Fortune.

set in a damp shack in a damp

town in the middle of nowhere.

looks marvellous, but relies too

much on a rambling narrative of

small town recrimination over the

Each day had a rich mix of

retrospective talks by the likes of

Rose English and that artist of the

reatable. Bobby Baker, platform

work by students and recent

graduates, and new work pre-

sented by established companies.

The tone of reflection rather than

celebration was set early on by

Geraldine Pilgrim, when she la-

mented the arrogance of her

generation of performers in believing that the transience of

live art demanded that no record

Another theme was the im-

portance of memories. In this

vein. Does In Honey presented

Architecture for Babies, played on

death of a stranger.

FESTIVAL

White's wardrobe.

need of some firm advice. At 44 she flaunts a stunning figure but, like her costumes, her music leaves little to the imagination. Adult rock numbers such as "We All Sleep Alone" and "I Found Someone" have been customdesigned by experts to provide a comfortable ride, with occasional bursts of smooth acceleration.

Other selections, including a relatively restrained version of Bruce Springsteen's "Tougher Than the Rest", The Eagles' "Take it to the Limit" and Jimmy Chff's "Many Rivers to Cross", were fine as fillers, but seemed incidental to the cavorting of the seven dancers and Cher's increasingly bizarre sartorial displays.

Never less than upfront in that department, she kept one foot in the Tina Turner rock chick camp - ripped jeans and fitted spangled jacket - and the other in the land of Vegas razzle-dazzle.

The nadir came quite early on with a preposterous heavy rock version of her old hit "Bang Bang (My Baby Shot me Down)". The dancers, dressed at this point like extras from some voveuristic version of The Flintstones. milled around the stage while Cher strolled back and forth dressed in a short leather jacket, thigh-high boots and one or two tiny strips of strategically placed material, another miracle of hosiery engineering from her designer Bob Mackie.

During "After All", she came into the spotlight wearing a Snow Queen outfit, a full-length, white fur-trimmed, sequinned gown and crown ensemble - an absurd

that, in the accepted soul singer's

tradition, he was hable to sweat

under the baking stage lights, and

came prepared with enough ma-

terial to mop dry his brow from

initial entrance to final exit.

However, he was not wise enough

to wear a sensibly ventilated suit,

changing from a gilt to a black

spangly outfit, topped with an

ankle-length mandarin-lined cape.

None of them looked very roomy.

shimmering variety to his music

as he does to his wardrobe, this

would have been a well-rounded

show. As it was, the joke on which

White's status as an icon is

based - that he is a big man with

a set of glaring yellow PVC sofas.

This mixed a brash chat-show

formula with some solemn mo-

ments - the performers express-

ing fears for their unborn children.

enraging an audience with sexist

iihes: Ralf. Ralf's extremely long

but engaging dance piece. Dinner.

and Forced Entertainment's Some

Confusions on the Law about

Love, interminable but worth sitting through for the final mel-

ancholic poetic exchange between

a pseudo Elvis Presley and two

The Review also gives an

overwhelming impression of the

incipient slavery of live art to

technology, and of the pre-emi-

nence of women in this field. Old

hands such as Geraldine Pilgrim

and Rose English have been

ioined by a new generation which

is using the freedom of perfor-

mance to subvert even the perfor-

most wittily in Lisa Watt's

Breadmaking, in which the 1960s

art technique of transferring the

imprint of naked women - who

have rolled in paint - onto canvases, is parodied by a house-

wife kneading dough with her fully-clothed body and transfer-

The National Review attracted

packed houses, but it was notice-

able how few practitioners from

the text-bound mainstream of

British theatre were present. They

should not stay away: the impact

might enrich and enlarge their

ring the result onto paper.

mance art tradition. This is done

Five days of concentrated work

If Barry White brought as much



Cher: likeable personality, but in need of some firm advice distraction to what little musical but was unable to inject any

excitement was on offer. Her band, which included her son Elijah Allman on rhythm guitar, turned in a capable sessionplayer standard of performance,

resonance into an energetic and colourful display of misplaced and outdated showmanship.

DAVID SINCLAIR

touched bass when he first opened

big sex appeal - lost weight as his collection of mushy 1970s disco hits, and mushier recent re-hashes of them, squelched by. The similarity of "What am I Gonna Do with You" and "Never, Never Gonna Give You Up" dictates that White be consumed in small doses; this was not an option,

however, onstage. Perhaps it did not matter that his body-linguistic repertoire included only one energetic gesture: the wobbling of his fingers to gee the audience into a frenzy (with limited results). But it did matter was that there was no appreciable wobble, or mobility of any kind in his unnaturally deep voice, which

chestra could not undo the im-

Any amount of liveliness from

the 25-piece Love Unlimited Or-

his mouth and stayed there.

pression that being musically seduced by the owner of this voice would be only marginally preferable to being wined, dined and taken advantage of by a heavily sedated ocean-going mammal. As if artificially weighed down with ballast, his voice occupied a region beyond the reception range of ordinary ears, where a scale sounds like a single sustained

JASPER REES

TELEVISION **Nixon: The Quest** for Power

ITV

taking place in every available space of the Third Eye Centre. inevitably meant that much was THE Tricky Dicky show, a threemissed. However, the pieces hour, three-week series of Thames which will stay in the memory ITV documentaries about the rise include Fiona Wright's intense and fall of Richard Nixon started and heartfelt Bride Kicks, with a strongly last night with "The Quest for Power". This opened screaming inner-self projected onto her white wedding dress: with Nixon's characteristically Nancy Reilly's tautly written and mawkish tribute to his parents on wittly delivered gangsterish story the morning of his resignation which chilled and amused simulfrom the presidency in 1974, and then flashed back to the very taneously; Ian Hinchliffe, the Les Dawson of performance artists. beginning of his career to show

> what it seemed. On its opening evidence, the series is going to be more distant than its predecessors, taking its cue from the historian, Roger Morris, who noted that Nixon was the American model gone wrong, suggesting perhaps a Model-T Ford with a missing bumper. Except, of course, that the White House already had one of those lined up to

that nothing, as usual, was quite

succeed him as president. Denis Healey talked of "the most creative of presidents", and was presumably not referring to the evidence Nixon created to discredit such early liberal opponents as Jerry Voorhis and Helen Douglas, who found their careers destroyed by Nixon campaigns.

Ironically Nixon himself was almost destroyed by the very machinery that first helped him to power. Just as television saved him in 1952 at the time of the nauseatingly sentimental Checkers speech, it defeated him eight years later when Kennedy came up with the better suntan. And just as the early Nixon victories were surrounded by suggestions of vote-rigging, so his 1960 defeat was very possibly caused by Lyndon Johnson's Texas machinery and the sinister question of how many people in that state did actually vote for JFK.

Although there is no Greek ALASDAIR CAMERON | tragedy here, there is, at the very

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least, the death of a salesman. If Nixon is anyone in drama, he is Arthur Miller's Willy Loman, forever out there riding on a smile and a shoeshine while watching the whole of his private life and public career churn before him.

Phillip Whitehead's adaptation of this originally American series came up with some long-buried treasure, not least the news that John F. Kennedy had actually sent a \$1,000 cheque to support Nixon in his persecution of Helen Douglas, thereby calling into question the future president's supposedly liberal credentials.

But one of Nixon's greatest enemies was the man who apparenuy rescued aim from oblivion by allowing him to remain on the ticket in 1952 and 1956. As an ex-soldier, Eisenhower could not disguise his disdain for the professional politician who had achieved nothing in his life but politics. Ike's distaste for Nixon shone through every shared campaign, during the last of which, when asked whether his vice-president had ever come up with an original idea. Eisenhower said he would need at least

a week to think about it

Eisenhower characterised the American scorn of Nixon which made people unwilling to get the gloves off and fight with him. Until, in 1960, it is arguable that he came up not only against Kennedy but also and much more significantly against Lyndon Johnson, another boy from the backwoods prepared to fight durty. Just as the virtuous Eisenhower hired Nixon to do the deeds he could not bring himself to descend towards, so Kennedy would send in Johnson for the kill and in 1960 it was Nixon who got killed. By 1962 he was telling the press. which had effectively defeated his bid for Governor, that they wouldn't have him to kick around any more; but by 1963 he was back on television in the next of his Arthur Miller roles - though that, I hope, is the story for next week.

SHERIDAN MORLEY

NEW RELEASES

◆ COMMUNION (15): Christophe Walten in a commanding star furn as writer Whaley Streber besaged by extra-terrestral expenences. The avens look silly, but the him paints a wind portrait of a marriage tom by impenetrable forces. Director, Philippe

Prence Charles (071-437 8181). ♦ FLEART CONDITION (15) Bob Hosturs as a raced cop who gers a reart transplant rom his own worst enemy (Denzel Asstragion). Bouncy action-comady with Mastington) Bouncing (Conzel) lantacy tracolings from a new witter-oxector James L. Particl Gdeon Heymarket (071-839 7697)

THE MUSIC TEACHER (U) Belgan tale

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♦ ROBOCOP 2 (18). Naviestic, stam-bang sequel to the 1967 epic about a cop er Weller) Appealing to special effects (Peter Weller) Addesing to special effects fams Director from Nershiner Carmon Chelsea (071 352 5098) Odeoms: Karsangton (071 502 56-4/5) Martine Arch (071-723 2011) Swies Collage (071-722 5905) West End (071-930 5252/7615) Whiteleys (071-792 3803/3324).

CURRENT AN ANGEL AT MY TABLE (15): Jane Campion e excellent film about the New Zeasand winter Janel France, originally a TV min-sense but thirting direktion; all the way Metro (071-437 0757) Renos (071-837 8402). ANOTHER 48 HOURS (18). Eddie Multiply and Nick Note swaggering and proving through the lames plot about a convict and cop joining forces to combat crit Lazy, neey and rude director. Watte Hill, Cannon Fulhern Roed (071-370 2636) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792

L'ATALANTE (PG) Jean Vigo's entitrating French classic from 1934 — a lyncal, quesi-sumesi tale of newlyweds on a barge marvellously restored. Premiere (071-439 4470) Flenoir (071-837 8402).

♦ BAD INFLUENCE (18): Psych BAD INFLUENCE (18): Psychological thrile: charting the fortunes of a young professional (James Spager) betherded by a psychopath (Roo Lowe). Seek and setu unti undus sitness sets in ns. Chaisse (071-362 5096) inisi (071-639 1527) Odeons: gton (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanin Cannons Cha CADILLAC MAN (15) Remshacks, noisy venicle for Repin Williams — a.

THE BOYS NEXT DOOR: You Gritim s petronising view of the mer handicapped for American Festival Theare excellent acong exceens the hone. Hempstead Swiss Cortage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301) Underground Swiss Cottage Mon-Set Born, mats Wed, Set, 4pm. Running time 2ms.

☐ BREL: The changons of Jacques Brel. lose their Gallic edge in this uneven show, though the words and music are alweys

good to hear.
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(071-836-2330) Tues-Sat Brum, mals Thurs,
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tokket includes entity to galleries. CYRANO DE BERGERAC: Edward

CHARMO ID SERGEMULT ENWEY THE b nosed hero, normal-nosed players are a touch ordinary. Greenwich Theating Coom's Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755) British Rail Greenwich Mon-Set, 7 45pm, mats Set, 2-30pm, Running hims 3his.

THE FACTORY GIRLS: Donegel gris on strike in Frank McCupriness revival: sutherito bodiering but leesle ending. Thoydia 289 Kilbum High Road NW6 (971-328 1900) Undergound Kilbum Mon-Sat, 8pm, met Sat, 4pm Running hime 2hrs.

☐ FENCES: Yaphet Kotto plays the embritered baseball ster in the lettest of August embitiered basebeil ster in the list Witson's saga of plays about the Garrick, Channo Cross Road, WC2 (071-379 6107) Underground Leicester Square. Mon-Fri, 7 45pm Set Born mets Tues, 3pm and Set, 4pm Running time 3hm.

☐ GASPING: John Gordon Sinclair and Thestire Royal Havmanket SW1 (071-930 8800) Underground Pocacity Mon-Thurs. 8pm. Fn and Sal 8-30pm mats Fn and Sal, 5pm. Running time 2his 30mms. ☐ HAVING A BALL: Alan Bleasdale's

Comedy Panton Street, SW1 (071-887 1045) Underground Piccadilly Crous, Mon-Fn, 8pm Set 8 30pm, mets Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5:30pm Flummen time: 2ms. El HIDDEN LAUGHTER: Felicity Kendal, provoking play about temily betrayals. Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-636 9987)

Underground Charing Cross Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sal, 8.30pm, mais Wed, 3pm and Sal, 5pm, Running time-2hrs 15mms. ☐ HOW TICKLED I AM: Unashamedly

joves from Ken Dood London Palledum Argyll Street, W1 (071-437 7373) Undergound Oxford Crous, Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mets Wed, Sat, 2 30pm. INTO THE WOODS Sonthern's with no of lanytates grammer than Grammer in the last rail, turns soon, thereafter Propriet Theater Charing Cross Road WC2 (07) 240 9561; underground Tottenha Court Road Non-Sat, 7 30om, mats Thurs and Sat, 2,30om, Running untel 2hrs 50mma.

ATTILA: Edward Downes' conducting ATTLAL EDWARD DOWNER CONSUMING VIEW Verd's powerful opers produced for the first time for the Royal Opera by Elijah Moshneky, is half of moseal muscle and packs in cousing numbers one after the other.

Josephine Barstow plays the evenging heroine Operate Rungser Parmont is Altifu.

Royal Opera House. Covert Gerden. Royal Opera House, Covent Gerden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911).

THE MAGIC FLUTE: James Hotnes takes over from Andrew Greenwood to conduct the final sex performances of Nacrolas Hytner's production. Tonight is the lest opportunity to eee Cathryin Pope in the role of Pa London Collegum, St Martin's La um. St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836.3161), 7.30cm.

IMAGES OF THE LONDON BLITZ: A selection of photographs taken during the

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films In London and (where indicated ith the symbol 4) on release across the country.

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♦ DICK TRACY (PQ): The blockbuster of the year — dazzing to look al. Brough deet star Warren Seatly does little to breathe

♦ DIE HARD2 — DIE HARDER (15): Action-paces but reentiesny sity sequel to an already append original, with Bruce Wilds's and Dying to wreat Washington asport from Odeon Mezidamoe (07) 930 6111) Plaza (07) 497 9399)

 GHOST (12) Jeny Zucker's subernations direller: with Patrick Swayze as the gnost of a mulgiper's wichim desperate to comact his andangered getterno (Denti Moore) Bicartis; incoherent, but absorbing white it lasts: Camber Perfectly (071-267 7034) Camonia: Baker Street (071-935-9772)

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HARDWARE (18), Thunderously outsinders British science-begon timber from a new director, Firghera Stanley, set among the runs of a nicibea hoticalust. Low on budget high on verve, in-places and cheeke with Dutart McDarmott, Stacey Travis.
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♦ 1LOVE YOU TO DEATH (15): Student. botoneo plack comany from director Lawrence Kasoan: wasting a remarkable cast. Wifih Tracey (Jiman as the cuckoideo wife struggling merder her husband (kevin Kline). deors: Mezzanine (171-930 6111) inss Cottage (071-722-5905) Whitel

LONGTIME COMPANION (15): Nomen Rene's acclaimed drama lottowng the tortu of gay Americans throughout the Eightes. Despite the smooth packaging, the pain still

THEATRE GUIDE-Subsess on trail-packed account of the bard's stormy template. The Pit Barocen Centre (as left). Tonight-Sat, 7 30pm, med today, Sat, 2pm. Russing

current theatre in London House full, returns only Some seats available ☐ Seats at all prices

☐ JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL:

ZI LOVE LETTERS: Robert Wagner and Stellane Powers reading a lot of letters. Bland sluft from A.R. Gurney that might improve when George Peoplard and Eleine Smitch take over on October 22. over on October 22.

Wyndmanns Chening Cross Road-WC2
(071-867 1116) Underground Lecesser
Source Mon-Set, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm,
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MAD FOREST: Carvi Churchil's "stak of Romania play britiantly imagined the over-tond of the significant pause. Royal Court Stoane Souare, SW1 (071-

ID MORTE D'ARTHUR: David Free

MOSCOW GOLD: David Calder as a

(071-636-6891). Underground: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Tonight-Set 7 30pm, mai today. Sat, 2pm. Remning time: HAPPENS: Benjamin Britten meets Peter Peers, a love story with music, acid

Mucrae Wagins cancer in laters Rey Coone fance over-drong under-developed Shamesbury Shamesbury Avenue, WC2 (277-378-359). Onderground Hotborn Mon-flipm Sal 8,80pm mats wed 2,30pm, Sal, 5,30pm. Running time Zivs 15mns.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Condon Biliz, some the casual inspirations of passers by, others taken as part of a planned propaganda operation. Museum of London, London Walf, London EC2 (071-500 3659), 10em-5pm. PIERRE CARDIN: A collection of cas

Victoria and Albert Müseum, South Kensington, London SW7 (071-838.8361), 10am-5.30pm,

Carnon Stuffestony Androis (67) (836)

comes through. Bruce Davison dominales a statu cass

● MEMPHIS BELLE (12): Down Puthram's lichonal-entangon of the war documentary about a US bomber cree's trail masses. Oversoming stores. Fuzzy people. Director Biother Caon-somes. Cannons, Baker Street (2011-335/3772)

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MO SETTER SLUES (15): Some Lee's. tale of a self-charged New York paz playor (Denzel Washington). The bushing-asmosphere keeps the like lively, though its core of melodrama remains hard to dispost Carnone. Felherm Roser (971-376-7836) Tossmann Court Rose (971-336-5148) Empire (971-497-5939) Whiteleys (971-792-3933-3324)

PRESIMED INNOCENT (15): Alan
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Centropis, Fullian Road (071-370, 2636)
Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-836 0310) Noting this Coronet (071-72)
FTUS Servers on the Green (071-226 3530)
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◆ PRETTY WOMAN (15): Shan old-lashioned romaning comedy, given a lift by Julie Roberts as a gawky prositiute. Carmon Oxdord Street (071 §36 (310) Odeon Haymartest (071-639 7697) Wt (071-439 0791)

◆ ROMUALD AND JULIETTE (12):Coline Serreau a social comedy about a yoghiut factory boss who late for his West inclian

TOTAL RECALL (18): Imaginative liteas poke through this laven familiary about Amold Schwarzesegger (berating stars. Carling Particol Street (171-930 0531) - Oceon Mezzannos (071-930 5111).

♦ WILD AT HEART (18); David Lynch's roliciong tale of psychotic evil and seru passion the same ingredients as Bioe-Velvet, though the results are lar more-mogresowantes Staming Noceas Cage.

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ONCE IN A WHILE THE OOD THING OUT OF ORDER Donald Sinden puffs

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA:

viola played by the Israeli Phika Golgin; with Vaughan Williams's Fifth Symphony and Topent's Ritual Cances from a Madsummer. Marriage Vernon Handley conducts. Festival Hall South Back Centee, London SEJ (071-928 8900), 7 30pm.

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6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas
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Cirmingham 9.00 News, regional news and weather
9.05 Brainwave, Quiz game 9.25 Dish
of the Day. Cookery hints from
Rosemany Moon 9.30 People Today. Three mothers to be discuss the

changes about to affect their lives 10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Children's BBC introduced by Simon Parkin starts with Playdays which comes from Middleton, Manchester 10.25 The Family Ness. Carbon adventures of the Loch Ness monster 10.35 People Today. Kaffe Fassett take about the fascination of arts and crafts

11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on safe sex 11.45 Before Noon, Adrian Mills and Ronke Phillips with your telephone calls

12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 After Noon with Rosemery Conley's Diet and Fitness Club 12.20 Scene Today. Judi Spiers and Alan Titchmarsh live from the Pebble Mill studios 12.55 Regional news and

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather 1.30 Neighbours. Suburben Australien soap. (Ceetax) 1.50 Four Square. John Sachs with another round of his quiz

2.15 Grim Pickings. Concluding part of the two-part Australian thriller, based on a novel by Jennifer Rowe, starring Liddie Clarke and Lorraine Bayly. Birdie has her own theories about the

3.50 The Brollys. David Shaw Parker narrates an animated adventure 4.05 Clockwise. Comedian Darren Day with six more quiz contestants 4.20 Fantastic Max. Cartoon about a remarkable beby 4.35 Uncle Jack . . . and Operation Green. Episode three of the six-part comedy serial and the Vixen is finally

recruited to get the poison gas. (Ceefax) 5.00 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter with Yvette Fielding, John Leslie and Diane

Louise Jordan. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (f). (Ceefax). Northem Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather

6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Mark Goodier (simultaneous broadcast with Radio 1) 7.30 EastEnders. More po-faced drama

about the denizens of Albert Square. Tonight the on-going sags of Mo's deterioration continues. Frank is facing the dilemma of whether to have her live with him and the family, or continue to risk heaven-knows-what by

allowing her to live on her own. (Ceefex) 8.00 Tomorrow's World. The inventions and technology of the future. Will robots take over operating theatres as they have factories? And a report from Potsdam on how ultrasonics are being used to explore the internal condition of deteriorating statues.

With Judith Hann, Howard Stableford, Peter Macann and Kate Bellingham

8.30 Birds of a Feather: Brief

Encounter. In this week's episode of the earthy comedy, romance enters the life of Sharon in the shape of a gentlemen of a certain age whom she helps when he is attacked by a mugger. Starring Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson, (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Spotlight 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael

9.30 One Foot in the Grave. A cornedy about the trials of retirement, which often comes painfully close to the truth. The perpetually grumbling Victor (Richard Wilson) and Margaret (Annette Crosbie) try their hand at amateur dramatics. (Ceefax) 10.00 Your Cheatin' Heart: The Eagle of

the Apocalypse and the Sidewinders

of Satar.

OCHOICE: Those who are beginning to feel that the best thing about John The trist the pest timing spoul double byme's rambling series is its title. aong, even if it isn't performed by the great Hank Williams, should be persuaded to stay around a little longer. t is no good expecting Your Ches Heart to offer a crisp and lucid plot because that is not Byrne's way and for Sassenachs the thick Scottish accents will continue to cause difficulty. But taken on its own terms, the senes can still offer worthwhile delights. There are Eddi Reader, with her extraordinary chestnut quiff, and Katie Murphy, as the country and western act. There is the dishevelled chern of John Gordon-Sincleir, the restaurant critic turned private investigator, who either has most of the

best lines or makes you think so. Above all, Your Cheatin' Heart is infused with a quirky humour all its own. 10.50 Question Time from Edinburgh with Peter Sissons. On tonight's panel are MPs Malcolm Rifkind, the Secretary of State for Scotland, ute occreany
of State for Scotland, veteran left winger
Tony Benn and Margaret Ewing of
the Scotlish Nationalists, and the editor
of The Sunday Times, Andrew Nell

11.50 Nearly Departed. American comady

of a couple who make a supernatural return from the dead 12.10am Weather 12.15 Eastbourne By-Election. David Dimbleby, Peter Snow and Vivian White analyse the results of the first test of

Tory heartland support in nearly two years. Ends at 12.45

Plymouth: Western Approach; Bristol: Current Account 8.00 Red Dwarf III. More comic sci-fi with Rimmer, Lister, Holly and Cat (r).

CHOICE: A wilderness the size of Europe in the far north-east of the Soviet Union, the Kolyma peninsula is cut off from the world for 10 months of the year and accessible only by sea for the other two. It was inhabited by a handful of fisherman until 1928, when a geological expedition found gold. In the next few years, at the height of collectivisation and the Stalinist terror, hundreds of thousands of peasants, workers and intellectuals were sent there as prisoners. In inhuman temperatures, minus 60 in winter and olus 40 in summer, and fed on a few grams of

their experiences. vanight with Francine Stock 11.55 Weather

6.00 TV-am 9.25 Jeopardy! Chris Donat has the answers, it is up to the contestants to work out the questions 9.55 Thames News and weather 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike

ITV LONDON

Scott chairs a discussion on a topical

subject
10.40 This Morning, Magazine series
presented by Richard Medeley and Judy
Finnigan. Today's guests include the
ebullient David Belfamy and the resident
family dootor Chris Staele. Plus
actor Terence Stamp who is interviewed by Main Maciver. With national and international news headlines at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed

by national weather 12.05 The Riddlers. For the very young (r) 12.25 Home And Away. Australian drama serial about a couple and their foster children 12.55 Thames News and weather 1.00 News at One with John Suchet.

1.20 Hot Property. Judith Chaimers with hints for buying at auctions and spotting the bargains among the rubbish 1.50 A Country Practics. Australian

scep set around a rural town's medical centre
2.20 Posh Frocks & New Trousers.
Annabel Giles, Kristman Guru-Murthy and Sarah Greene introduce the fashion megazine 3.15 News headlines 3.20 Themes News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian medical drams set in a large city hospital

3.55 The Raggy Dolls. Animated adventures of the reject loys 4.10 Disney's Duck Tales (r) 4.35 Speedy and Daffy (r) 4.40 Jackson Pace: The Great Years. Comedy drama serial about a British explorer, starting Keith Alen

starring Keith Allen 5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge

quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness 5.40 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 5.55 Thames Help with advice on buying and selling mobile homes 6.00 Home and Away (r)

6.30 Thames News and weather 7.00 Emmerdale. Long-established

agricultural drama serial set in the

Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle)
7.30 Survival: The Vanishing Pools. As
the spring rain falls on the dry land in the
heart of Spain, pools and streams
are briefly filled with water. Before the

pools dry up again, frogs, toads, newts and salamanders all try to breed.

Narrated by Alexander John

8.00 The Bill: Connelly's Kids, Crittily convincing police drama. When a likeable Irishman and his tamily are

arrested for steeling, it leads to a disturbing discovery at Sun Hill.

8.30 This Week: Beath on the Mount. An investigation into the events that led to

the killing of 21 Palestinians by Israeli

police at Jerusalem's Temple Mount.

9.00 Capital City.

● CHOICE: The second series of the merchant bank saga opens with an excited young man in shirtsleeves excase your man in surraneeves taking about white vahille bonds, as if we all know what they were, but this jargon-dropping need put off no one. The show is soon back into its

Rolf Saxon and Joanna Kanska (9.00pm)

watchable stride, interleaving three strong, and totally comprehensible stones, and experity ruggling its big and vanegated cast. Sirkka (Joanna Kanska), the volatile blonde Finn, takes centre stage as she leads a strike in the dealer room against the bank's involvement with a company illegally dumping nuclear waste. This green revolt predictably earns her a lecture about not letting moral stances interfere with business. There are a couple of cast changes and less emphasis then before on the characters' private tives. If Capital City continues to confine its dramas to the workplace it will come more in line with such models as Cesualty and The Bill (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Alaster Burnet and Sandy Gell. Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather 10,40 The City Programme. As the government examines the BT/Mercury duopoly, the programme looks at the contenders for their crown

11.10 01. Includes Sandra Dickinson reviewing Mel Gibson's new film Bird on a Wire and Annabel Croft

commenting on Wings of the Apache 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian drama set in a female detention centre 12.30am Contacts. Televised personal column that enables viewers to make new friends and get in touch with

people, With Josephine Buchan and Trevor Ward. 1.00 The Concert. The American rock band Gient recorded at the Town &

Country Club 2.00 Film: The Bandit of Sherwood Forest (1946) starring Cornel Wilde and Anita Louise, Standard swashbuckling fare with the son of Robin Hood coming to the aid of the Queen Mother and the beautiful Lady Catherine when the young king is imprisoned by the wicked William of Pembroke, Directed by George

Sherman and Henry Levin
4.00 The Invisible Man (b/w). The bandaged sleuth rights another
4.30 America's Top Ten with Casey

Kasem and Tommy Puett (r)
5.00 ITN Morning News presented
Anne Leuchars. Ends at 6.00

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8.00 News 8.15 Westminster. The BBC parliamentary team continues the

week's coverage of the Lords and the Commons 9.00 Daytime on Two begins with maths 9.15 Women's battles for political equality 9.45 France and the French 10.00 Young children's miscellany 10.15 Questions for seven to 11-year-olds 10.35 Study skills for condary school publis 11.00 Caring for the water we use 11,20 The importance of measurements in science 11,40 Mathematical investigations 12.05 The controversy surrounding the ploughing of the Flow country in Caithness and Sutherland 12.25 The possible effects of global warming 12.50 The role of television in the promotion of learning 1.20 PC Pinkerton 1.25 Fireman Sam 1.40

Schoolchildren perform a rhythmic composition
2.00 News and weather followed by You

and Me (r)
2.15 Snooker. Action from the fifth round of the Rothmans grand prix 3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live. Vivian White presents Prime Winkster's Question Time and other business from the Lords and the Commons. Commentary is

by Brian Curtois 3,50 News, regional ws and weather 4.00 Snooker. Further coverage of the Rothmans grand prix from Reading

5,30 Floyd's American Ple. Keith Floyd in

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Heaven sent: Hudson and Wyman (6.00pm) 6.00 Film: All That Heaven Allows (1955) starring Rock Hudson, Jane Wyman and Conrad Nagel. Stylish melodrama from one the finest exponents of the genre, director Douglas Sirk. Wyman plays a wealthy New York widow who talls in love with the young gardener at her winter home and then has to face

the prejudice of their family and friends, who are shocked by the age and social difference between them
7.30 First Sight: Blight, Michael Delahaye
reports on how the Kent village of South Darenth has been affected over the past two years by British Rail's plans for high-speed links to the Channel Tunnel. Wales; Naim's Travels; Northern Ireland: Birds of a Feether; England — East: Second Thought; Midlands: The Midlands Report; Leeds, Newcastle and Manchester: Close-Up North; Southernpton: Southern Eye;

(CBRISK)
8.30 Top Gear includes a visit to the
Motor Industry Research Association
9.00 Rab C Nesbitt. More unappealing
comic ruminations from the bawdy

Scotsman, Gregor Fisher 9.30 The Hand of Stalin.

bread of day, they were forced to dig for gold. The death rate was appalling, but lives were expendable. In the final part of the compelling and history of the Stalin era, a film crew visits the remains of the camp and survivors, perpetrators as well as victims, relive

11.15 The Late Show includes a report on the art v obscenity debate in the US 12.00 Snooker. Ends at 1.05am

CHANNEL 4 6.00 The Art of Landscape. Scenes of

natural beauty backed by soothing music

6.20 Business Daily 6.30 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 Schools 12.00 The Parliament Programme

12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service
1.00 Sesame Street. Educational programme for pre-school children
2.00 A Houseful of Plants presented by Ficella Benjamin and Michael Jordan (r).

2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket, Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the Morison Stoneham Handicap Stakes (2.35); the A.R. Dennis Bookmakers Nursery Handicap Stakes (3.05); the Jameson Whiskey Challenge Stakes (3.40); and the Jeyes Handicap Stakes (4.10). The race commentator is Graham

4.30 Fifteen-to-One Quiz game presented by William G. Stewart 5.00 Adventurous Eves. A look at women who achieved great goals in sporting history. Including Kitty Godfree, Alice Stanley and the Hon Mrs Victoria. Bruce (r) 6.00 The Crystel Meze. Another chance to see the popular adventure game show with Richard O'Brien (r)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi
7.50 Comment followed by Weather 8.00 The Great Moghuls. The first of a six-part series in which Bamber Gascoigne examines the history of

the Moghul dynasty (r) 8.30 Cheers. The start of a repeat run of the first ten episodes of the popular American comedy set in a Boston bar. Starring Shelley Long and Ted Danson 9.00 Film: Midnight Breaks (1990).

 CHOICE: Almost unrecognisable under a mop of blonde hair, Toyah Wilcox plays a record producer who lures a black reggee singer (Dawn Hope) sway from the band led by her boytriend (Don Letts of Big Audio Dynamite) for a lucrative contract with a successful white group. The boyfriend is not only miffed on a personal level but is quick to see racial manipulation, a feeling intensified when his Black Aid for Africa project runs into white opposition. His decision to raise money for the cause by running errands for a drug racketeer (Robbie Coltrane, with a pigtail) proves to be a less than sensible riposte.

Produced by Phillip Bartlett, and written and directed by Laurens C. Postma,



Record breaker: Toyah Wilcox (\$.00pm) the team also responsible for Third

Wave, Channel 4's new senes for the over-55s, Midnight Breaks combines a jaundiced view of the rock industry with a weight of social comment it cannot always comfortably bear 11.00 Black Faith. Last of three

programmes looking at worship in Britain's black community 12.00 A Week in Politics — Late Sitting, in this first of a new senes Vincent Hanna

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7.30 News
7.35 Camerata Bern performs
Rossim (Sonata for strings in
G); Thea King, clarinet, Karina
Georgian, cello, and Ciriford
Benson, piano, perform
Brahms (Clarinet Trio in A
minor, Op 114); ECO under
George Malcolm performs
Handel (Water Music Suite No
2 in D)

8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Montaverdi. The Stuttgart
Barcque Ensemble under
Fneder Bernus, with Emma

Kirkby, Monika Meier-Schmid, Inga Nielsen, sopranos, John Elwes, William Kendall, Herbert Klein, tenors,

Cornelius Hauptmann, Adolph

seidel, basses, performs setatus sum: Confilebor tibi.

Laetarus sum; Contrietor trbi. Dorrine (Missae et Psalmi, 1650), Salve Regina (Audi caelum); Salve Regina; Cruciforus; El resurrent (Selva morale e spirmuale, 1640-41);

The Secteen under Harry Christophers, with Margaret

Benjamin Britten, piano, and Peler Pears, tenor, perform Britten (Who Are These Children?); Chamber

Orchestra of Europe Wind

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Group perform Britten (The Little Sweep) 11.55 BBC Scottish SO under Henry

11.55 BBC Scottish SO under Henry
Lewis perform Beethoven
(Overture: Leonore No 3);
Hsych (Symphony No 6, Le
Maitn, Symphony No 102)
1.00 News
1.05 News
1.05 Reminisham Lunchtime
Concert live from Studio One,
Pebble Mail. Coulf String
Questet performs Mozart
(Quartet in C, K 465); Tippett
(Quartet No 2)
2.00 inventor of Genius: John Cage.

Soloists performs Jaracek (Youth): Pascal Hoge performs Debussy (Children's Corner):

Members of Chember Harmony under Jim Harnousek, with Radoslay (Nupli, piano, perform Janacek (Nursery Rhymes), Medici String Quartal under Philip Ledger, with Robert Lloyd, Robert Tear, Heather Beog, Catherine Sensen, Mary Welks and

Tear, Heather Begg, Catherine Benson, Mary Wells and Finchley Children's Music

9.35 Who Are These Children?

Phillips, organ, performs Mass for Four Voices (1650)

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Earle Brown, Merce Cunningham, Minna Ledermann, John Rockwell, Kurt Schwertsik, Kartheinz Sockhausen and Cage him

writer and artist (r)
3.00 Platée introduced by Nicholas

Place introduced by incrinis Anderson. Rameau's opera dating from 1745 about a swemp hymph who believes that everyone is in love with her despite her extreme

riar despite in the extrement ugliness, Jupiter in an attempt to make Juno jealous prefends to court her with cruel fun. Performed by Françoise Herr Vocal Ensemble and Les Musical Committee and Les

Musiciens du Louvre under

Smith, soprano 5.30 Mamly for Pleasure with Fione.

composer Odaline de la Martinez talks to Natalie

7.30 Hallé Orchestra live from the Free Trade Hall in Manchester

Wheen about her recent South

American tour with the ensemble Lontano which she

led by Michael Davis under Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, with Eugene Istomin, pierio, performs Mozert (Pieno Concerto in C, K 467) 8.00 A

Symphonist in Vienna. Paul Banks taks about the life and

music of Bruckner (r) 8.15

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talk to Julian Hale about Me

9.30 Battic Memories. Austra

between the wars in

programmes (r)

10.00 Music in Our Time. London
Chamber Symphony under
Odaline de la Martinez
performs Enita Fox (Osen
Shornasi); Elisabetta Brusa

(Nittemero) 11,00 The Chearful Little Earful. in

and later the Hammond (r)
11.30 Composers of the Week.
Rachmaninov: Three Russian
Folk Songs; Symphony No 3
(r)

(r) 12.30 News 1.00 Night School (except in

the third of four programmes about Thomas "Fats" Water,

Alyn Shipton concentrates on Walter the organist, an exponent of the pipe organ

independent Latina and Lithuania. The first of two

7,05 Third Ear. Conductor and

7.00 Ne

Marc Minkowski, with Gilles Ragon, tenor, Vincent le Texier, bass, Guillemette Laurens, mezzo, and Jennifer

are among those helping Peter Dickinson to trace the career of the American composer,

RADIO 3

A Stranger Calls 3.25 Skylmack 3.55 The Silk Road 4.55-5.00 Out of Limits. TYNE TEES

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6.55, 7.55, 8.57 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts with John

Waite (r)

9.30 Ask Questions Later, Jenni
Mills talks to Stephen Waldorf
who was mistaken for an
escaped gurman and shot by

potes in rushriour Lumoon traffic seven years ago 10.00 News; The Natural History Programme. Fergus Keeling and Jessica Holm look at the similarities in the way a shramp's eye and a television camera acan the world for

colour

10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News; Citizens (a)
11.25 Tough Cookles, Jenny Cuffe
talks to five women who face
the challenges of life head-on.
2.86-year-old Jane Saxby who
is a forceful campaigner for
rights for the elderly (s)
11.50 First Person, Peter Stalker
looks at the peters tenturisem

tor all things green

12.00 Naws; You and Yours

12.25pm Dear Diary, Simon Brett searches diaries of history to see how people spent October 17 (a) (r) 12.55

Weather

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1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping

2.00 News; Woman's Hour, Today's programme includes a feature about the way Alaskan man advertise in magazines for brides; an item on the

increasing number of young homeless women; an interview with the novelist Jenny Diski; and Maggie Montelth, director

i the women's legal defence and, talks about sexism and

3.00 (FM only) Prime Minister's

Cheston Time

3.00 (LW only) News; Believe in the
Stars: Play by Gaylord Meech.
Life becomes an adventure for
two young brothers when they
are left to fand for themselves
in Enter Temperague. Starling

4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf with Nigel Forde
4.30 Kalexdoscope. Today's
programme comes live from

in Forties Tennessee, Starring Benjamin Fairman and David Birlan

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Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.00
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9.00 Murphy Brown 9.25 News followed by
Falcon Crest 10.25 Nighthewks 11.10 News
11.35 Close.

Bristol and includes an interview with Silf Morrison about his play Little Sister, a review of The Clandestine Marriage playing at the Bristol Old Vic; and Tamothy West, Paul Unwin, Patrick Malahide and Roger Winkham discuss provincial theatres — funding and joint productions (s) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial

Report 6.30 The Sit-Com. Sue Limb's six-

English Civil Wer. Part 2 (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 in The Shadow of...

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the city. Yet, Jenny Cuffe's intelligent attempt to separate a cathedral's purely ecclesiastical role and its

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Were is tree or the wind of eminty existing between Oxford city and university, it emerges that Wells temporal and Wells spiritual aren't

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cisabilities
9.15 Kaledoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight
with Sam Jaffa 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight presented
by Robin Kershew (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The
Enchanted Morning by
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11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00am News, Incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

and wear springs aren't always the best of chums 8.00 Analysis. In the second of two programmes David Walker asks if capitalism can secure

economically inter-de

8.45 Does He Take Sugar?

function as an economic

stimulant (i.e. a touris attraction that floods a city with visitors), reveals that

part comedy set during the English Civil War. Part 2 (s) (r)

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RADIO 4

SATELLITE

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News International 9.30 The Frank
Bough Interview 10.30 Newsiew 11.00 Sky
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1.30pm NBC Today 2.30 Parkament Live
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SKY MOVIES

6.00 Showcase
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Avalenched (1978)- Rock Hudson and Mile Farrow are threatened by an
impending avalenche
12.00 The Shertif of Fractured Jaw
(1959): Western apool staming Kenneth
Moore as an English sheriff
2.00pm Bridesmalds (1989): Four girls
are reunted at the wedding of a mutual
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frend 4,00 Rock Odyssey: Animated sci-ence fiction musical 6,00 California Girls (1979): Dennis Christopher stats as a young men who trau-els to California. 7.40 Entertainment Torsight 8.00 Buster (1988): Phil Collins and Ju-lie Walters star as Mr and Mrs Edwards

9.40 Projector 10.00 Porky's Revenge (1985): The high school prantisters return 11.35 The Lost Boys (1987): A family serve to California and discover that the nove to Castoma and cascover mat in local garg are vampires 1.30am Midnight Crossing (1998): A saling holiday leads to a tense battle of in a treasure hunt. Starting Faye Dunaway and Ned Beatty

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SCREENSPORT

BSB MOVIES 11.40am The Movie Show

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Beautiful F.00 Heartland 1.30 Police Story
2.90 The Young and the Resisters 2.00

4,00 Aloha Sobby and Rose (1975): A tragic love story following the fortunes of a teenage couple on the run

EUROSPORT

7.00am American College Footbell 9.00 Motor Sport 10.00 World Chempio ship Snooter 12.00 RISA Motor Sport 2.00pm Booding 3.30 Motor Sport 4.30 American Football 6.50 Magor League Baseball 1990 8.00 Argentism Football 9.00 Top Teem Sponish Football 11.00 American College Football 1.00am Cloa

7.00am Twenty hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE 10.60am Everyday Workout 10.30
Search for Tomorrow 10.55 Coffee Break
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4.10 Along Carne Jones (1945 tr/w):
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stars as a retired government agent who returns to the lold to foil an exit villamess
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Comment of the part reserving sear as the world from each, drugs and nock and roll 11.35 Scream Presty Progry (1973). A sculptor hims a college student as house-leaper Starring Bette Davis 1.05am The Boss's Wile. Ends at 2.35

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6.00em World Service 6.30 Moming Edition
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10.30 Lip Yer News 17.45 Big Deal
11.45 The Movie Show 12.15em Secret
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Major will stand firm against a single EC currency

By PHILIP WEBSTER CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

STRONG opposition to the imposition of a single European currency will be emphasised by John Major in his Mansion House speech tonight.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is planning to use the occasion to give his first detailed explanation of how he intends British monetary and fiscal policy to be conducted within the European exchange-rate mechanism. He is expected to restate the need for a tight fiscal policy.

Mr Major's resistance to a single

currency will be voiced against the background of fears within the Conservative party that ERM entry could lead inexorably to the latter stages of the Delors vision for the development of the European Community. This week his parliamentary private secretary, Tony Favell, resigned to give himself freedom to speak out on Ешгоре.

At the same time the Labour leadership is increasing its support for growing economic integration within the Community.

Despite the opposition of a substantial number of backbench MPs, Neil Kinnock is preparing to commit Labour to a stance of building on the operation of the single market and of ERM. He is stopping short of committing Labour to support for a single currency at this stage, but that option is not ruled out for the

Before next week's Commons debate on the ERM, in which Mr Kinnock plans to speak, the Labour leadership line is that it would be premature to commit itself irrevocably to a single currency Before considering such a step it would need to be satisfied that the economy had strengthened and reached a level of performance comparable with other member states. Any European central bank would have to be democratically and politically accountable.

Despite the cautious formula Mr Kinnock clearly intends to portray Labour as more enthusiastic and positive about the latter stages of monetary policy than is

the government.
Mr Major, in his first Mansion House speech, will back the evolutionary approach to European economic development and again promote his plan for a hard Ecu, a common currency linked to the strongest currency in the EC.

Meanwhile there were signs yesterday that the toughest spending round for a decade was moving to a conclusion. Only John MacGreogr, the embattled holding out for more cash in his talks with Norman Lamont, the chief secretary to the Treasury.

Yesterday there was said to be a large gap remaining between the £700m extra being sought by Mr MacGregor and what Mr Lamont was prepared to give him.



Sky-walking: Andre Gonzalez, on pogo stick, and Dimitri Bogatirov, on crutches, taking the air on top of the Hackney Empire theatre in east London, where they will be performing as part of the Moscow Lights Clown Company from tonight until Sunday

premier to resign

From Nick Worrall in Kiev

STUDENTS on hunger strike in constitution reflecting resolutions Kiev scored the first major victory of their two week campaign against the Ukraine's Communistled government yesterday Wednesday when President Leo-nid Kravchuk announced that his prime minister Vitali Masol had decided to resign. The decision still has to be ratified by the republican parliament.

The announcement, relayed live over loudspeakers from the parliament, provoked a storm of noisy celebration in the untidy tented camp that the students have set up in a central city square under the shadow of a massive red granite statue of Lenin, the Communist Party's founder.

At the same time at least three separate groups of marchers were moving through the streets of Kiev, the Soviet Union's third largest city. Waving flags and chanting anti-government slo-gans, they included large numbers of people too old to be students as more and more workers add support to the hunger strikers.

The protest began on October 2 inspired by students from Kiev's two universities and from the militant western Ukrainian city, Lvov. Since then numbers have risen as other workers have joined the protest. Letters of support and cash donations have come in from all over Ukraine.

under a multi-party system; a new

Ukraine strike forces Shake-up to end legal aid income trap

Continued from page 1 courts. At the same time, some of the perceived injustices of the scheme, such as the rule by which the legally-aided litigant who loses does not have to pay his opponent's loses, is likely to be abolished. Instead, legally-aided litigants - who in future might be significantly better off than legal aid litigants are now - could well have to pay towards a winner's costs, according to their means.

The reforms are part of a threeyear review which is expected to report with its first tranche of Kiev tension, page 13 proposals in March. Although set up amid concern at the Bar and

Law Society about the falling numbers of people eligible for legal aid, the review goes far wider than publicly-funded legal ser-vices. Officials are keen to drive down costs of litigation generally, both legally-aided and private. There is concern about the in-exorable rise in lawyers' private fees, creating a growing gap where more and more people cannot afford to go to law and cannot obtain legal aid.

There have been recent warnings from the lord chancellor that legal aid, now costing a gross £716 million a year, could not be a "blank cheque" from the taxpayer. At the same time he urged lawyers

tie the overhaul of legal aid in with other reforms now under way to the civil courts and to family law and procedure with the aim of making litigation generally more affordable and efficient.

They are considering scrapping board financial eligibility that underpins the legal aid scheme. Instead of giving legal aid on the means, officials are looking at how legal aid can be targeted so there would be flexible eligibility tests according to the kind of case and its costs. There may also be a new legal aid "safety net" system. The review team is also looking at the present system of contributions.

Political sketch

Backbench aid for an Hon friend opposite

YESTERDAY, describing the swearing in of a new Labour MP from Merseyside, I declared him the victor of the Bootle byelection. Bootle has yet to be fought. Nobody knows which party will win there, but one man who will not be a candidate is Eddie O'Hara, who has just become the MP for Knowsley South. I apologise to him. .

MARC ASPLAND

And it was Merseyside which yesterday prompted a rare and pleasing parliamentary spectacle: that of a backbencher from one party coming to the aid of a backbencher from another, in real good faith.

Labour's Frank Field had applied to Mr Speaker "under standing order 20" for an emergency debate on the proposed offer for sale of the Cammel Laird shipyard in his constituency of Birkenhead.

If no buyer could be found, argued Field, the resultant closure would be disastrous for his many constituents working there. Parliament, he concluded, should have the opportunity to say "that it would not lightly countenance that asset, and those people," being cast aside.

The list of issues which matter urgently to one or another of our 650 MPs is a potentially endless one: so Mr Speaker's painful duty is usually to turn down such requests without offering reasons. He did so in this case. That was predictable, but Mr Field looked

genuinely distressed.

It was then that Nicholas Soames (C, Crawley) rose, "on a point of order".

The threat Mr Field's constituents faced, said Soames, was surely enormously worrying. If a constituency problem like this was not a good enough reason for an emergency debate, then "what scale and magnitude of distress does there have to be for the request to be granted?
There was little Mr Speaker

could add, of course. He explained that "urgency" counted for much. But he clearly approved of Mr Soames' intervention, as did everyone (I think) in the chamber.

Birkenhead is not a prosperous town, whereas Crawley is wealthy. Mr Field is not a fat man, whereas Soames is substantial: but both are thought intelligent and independent by their colleagues. Birkenhead (or its member) nodded appreciatively in the direction of Crawley,

Crawley smiled back. Rare good humour. And shortlived. The next point of order was from Mr R Hughes MP. To that name answers Robert (C. Harrow W), but also Roy (Lab. Newport

E) and Bob (Lab. Aberdeen N).

Confusion is inevitable. The confusion this time had resulted in Robert, from Harrow. finding his name attached to what he considered an anti-Israeli motion which it had possibly been the intention of Roy from Newport or of Aberdeen Bob to

Mr Speaker explained this. rather wearily. But Robert was clearly cross. Funny, that, because I thought I remembered irritation surfacing some years ago, when Robert found some correspondence of Bob's included by mistake in his mail; and quoted it in the chamber.

On that occasion (I thought) it was Bob who was cross. But I've spoken to Robert's secretary, who says it was Bob who found something intended for Robert. and had the thing read out from the front bench by Jack. Rov. on the whole, keeps out of all this. Hands up everyone who wishes they would just toss a coin for the initial "R", and find other names for the remaining two?

Anyway, confusions about the

MP's name served me well during my years as member for West Derbyshire. After parliament's first debate on capital punishment, I went into the division lobbies, as did Mr Parry, the Labour MP for Liverpool Riverside.

Next morning, the Official Record, together with The Times, included my name in both the Aye and the No division lists. Mr Parry was recorded as not having voted. Many of my constituents (seeking my name in the list of which they approved, and finding it) were kind enough to write congratulating me.

I never did get round to setting the record straight in the local press. After all, an MP is a very

MATTHEW PARRIS

to curb costs, promoting fears within the profession that the Treasury is seeking to cap the Tube's £40m shortfall scheme. Officials plan therefore to

By Michael Dynes, transport correspondent

LONDON Underground is facing a severe cash shortage because of declining off-peak travel, falling receipts from property sales and lettings, and higher than anticipated spending on safety improvements. The financial shortfall forced

passed by parliament in July for

greater sovereignty, a Ukrainian

currency and local armed forces;

rejection of President

Gorbachev's proposed new union

treaty; and placing the considerable property of the Communist

Party into public hands. There

have been no official moves to end

the sit-in which looks likely to

spread after yesterday's boost to

student hopes.

managers yestersay to announce a programme of spending cuts, including a possible freeze on recruitment, off-peak ticket office closures, and the withdrawal of all Boxing Day services. Income from off-peak travel has

declined by £10 million during the Demands include new elections past six months, while receipts from sales and lettings is £30

million less than anticipated. London Underground has also had to pay for safety improvements earlier than expected, such as the £2.6 million cost of repairing Blackfriars bridge over the Circle Line, and the several hundred thousand pounds needed to repair trains on the District Line.

London Undergroud is expecting an income shortfall of about £40 million by the end of the year, "which would have been considerably higher without the cutbacks announced yesterday," it said. There are no plans at present to increase fares further to make up

for the shortfall.

the whole basis of across-the-

England and Wales will

School tests to change closest supporters have their

Continued from page 1 disastrous pilot series of tests last spring. The prime minister made clear to him that she needed to be convinced that the revised format was in line with her original intentions, of improving basic standards in all state schools.

Mr MacGregor's cabinet future is not in doubt and the meeting was not intended to put pressure on him to settle his bid for an extra £700 million on his £6.8 billion budget planned for next year. There was no general disagreement between the prime minister and her education secretary, Downing Street sources said. Even so, the impression per-

sisted that Mrs Thatcher and her

reservations about the style and pace of Mr MacGregor's attempts to implement the radical reforms bequeathed to him by his predecessor, Kenneth Baker. Mr MacGregor insisted that his

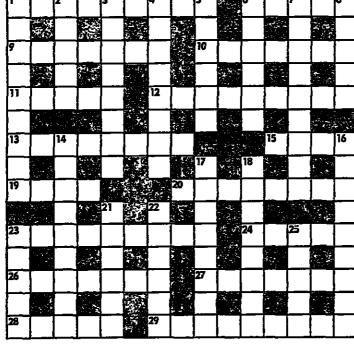
encounter was a "routine meeting", but government sources conceded it was not a "regular thing" for her to hold such wideranging talks with a minister.

The tensions surrounding the talks were heightened by disagree ments among Conservative MPs about educational vouchers and by the disclosure that Mr Mac-Gregor is now the only cabinet minister who has not settled his spending battle with the Treasury.

PM

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,428



ACROSS

- I In a state of stupor, pet needs a
- restorative (9). 6 Backchat by workers in plant 9 Part of an atomic ring rescued
- 10 Baby a royal one causing jeal-ousy (7). 11 Why don't we say we're Soviet
- citizens? (5). 12 See show free of charge (9).
- 13 Shrub has a protective pad round the bark (8).
- 15 Quiet silver bird (4). 19 God of Peace? (4).
- 20 In which we hear Gilbert's words of resignation (8).
- 23 The last dregs of an unpalatable pint? (6.3).
- 24 Square account of dead man's

life in holy book (5). Solution to Puzzle No 18,427

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- 26 Zealot Zealot produces revolutionary (7).
- 27 House on island is too big to be
- kept up (7). 28 In trifle, divine alcohol (5). 29 Before the middle of Test, teams get refreshments (9).

- 1 Miraculous place rented by artist
- 2 Historian, no longer with us, is taken for granted (5). 3 Use right rate to convert gold, say (8).
- 4 A sad disappointment nobody gets an opening (3-5).

 5 Crack and show emotion about
- giri (6). Muddy track dug up with a
- couple of spades, may be (6). 7 Priest beheads Solomon's anointer - what a monster (4). 8 Vegetable, sounds like beet (5).
- 14 No sediment when disturbed is wci (9).
- 16 It's thrust on some people, read Malvolio, the highead (4)
- 17 Generous applause given to a few people (8) 18 Drink with the power to provide amusement (3-5)
- 21 Information to put in the dock the squire's family (6). 22 Stick to the grass (6).
- 23 Suit it takes a few weeks to come up with it (5). 25 Brooke's said to be a poet (5),

Concise crossword, page 17

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard

VALLECULA a. A red pimple c. A Serbo-Crost s MOUCHARABY

a. A North African baleony b. Arabian fly c. The female tarboosh GILLAROO b. An Irish trout c. A yearling kangaroo

INENUBILABLE

a. Yery foggy b. Unmarriageable c. Uncountable Answers on page 24

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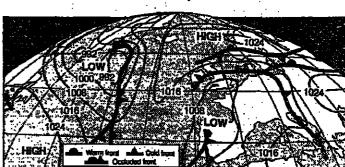
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THE TIMES

Kleinwort faces halved profits after £30m loss on one deal

By JOHN BELL, CITY EDITOR

● SPORT 36-40

KLEINWORT Benson, the leading City merchant banking house, bas taken a £30 million loss on a single share trade. The decision will cut the group's expected profits by half this year.

Though Kleinwort says that the initial decision to go ahead with the share deal was a collective one, Charles Hue Williams, joint managing director of the group's securities operations, has

The loss arose from the failure to find buyers for a 29 per cent stake in Premier Consolidated, the oil exploration and production group, which Kleinwort bought from Burmah Castrol in August. The transaction which failed was a socalled bought deal, or block trade, in discount of 10 per cent or more. But fied with the deal, Mr Peake said that the little effort to mark up Premier shares which a securities house buys a large share stake in the hope of breaking it up and selling it on swiftly to a number of institutional shareholders.

Kleinwort's block trade was conceived in the early aftermath of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait that sent oil prices and oil shares soaring. But the terms were judged too aggressive by the market and Kleinwort was unable to sell its

newly acquired stake. Burmah agreed to sell its holding of 139.9 million shares in Premier on August 6 at a price of 99p. The deal netted Burmah £138 million, but from Kleinwort's position, the price was high. Bought deals are traditionally done at a Kleinwort paid a slight premium to the prevailing market price.

Worse still. Mr Hue Williams and his team attempted to place the shares at 103p, a further premium to the market

After meeting strong resistance from potential buyers, the placing was aborted. "They were being too greedy," was the verdict of one trader at the time.

David Peake, Kleinwort's chairman, said yesterday: "There is no doubt that this was a misjudgment of the market." Although Mr Hue Williams, a former partner of Wedd Durlacher, the jobbing firm, and Kleinwort's most senior market-maker, was most closely identitransaction "went through all the usual procedures".

The risking of £138 million required the highest approval within Kleinwort. It represented no less than 27 per cent of shareholder funds.

Since August, interest costs of the Premier holding have been mounting up at the rate of about £400,000 per week. Total carrying costs came to about £4.5 million when the shares were sold

Mr Peake would not be drawn on the role of other market-making firms during the period when Kleinwort was an enforced holder of Premier. But there is a widespread view that rivals made

were rising sharply. Some traders were competitor. "It would not be right for us to whinge," said Mr Peake.

After calling in Cazenove, the broker with unrivalled placing power among institutions, Kleinwort bowed out yesterday from its burden by selling its stock at 78p, a discount of 10 per cent on overnight price. The capital loss was more than £29 million.

Despite strong market suggestions that the merchant banking group might trim back or even close down market-making operations after the heavy loss, Mr Peake stressed that Kleinwort's strategy re-

even during the time when oil prices bought deals. "They are part of the business we are in. We have done them said to be revelling in the discomfort of a successfully in the past and shall do so again." he said.

One of the few consolations for Kleinwort came from Roland Shaw, the chairman of Premier. "I have the utmost regard for Mr Hue Williams and I am sorry that the deal was unsuccessful. But Kleinwort acted with the highest standards throughout. I am certain that they could have gone out and found a predator to pay a higher price."

● In an unrelated move, Kleinwort is transferring part of its Japanese warrant trading operation to Tokyo with a possible loss of 25 jobs in London.

Highland links with Cointreau

HIGHLAND Distilleries, the Famous Grouse whisky producer, and Rémy Cointreau, the French cognac and champagne group, have agreed a £75.9 million share deal, under which Highland acquires convertible bonds, which will translate into a 20 per cent stake in Orpar, the largest shareholder in Rêmy

Highland has agreed to sell its 12.7 per cent holding in Macallan-Glenlivet to Rémy-Cointreau as part of the deal. Brian Ivory, the managing director of Highland, said the deal would lead to a greater European sales effort by the company and would also al-

distribution earnings.

Drinks deal, page 29 TIP Europe up

low it to participate in the

TIP Europe reports pre-tax profits swollen by acquisitions and a change in accounting. policies from £12.7 million to £15.5 million for the year to end-July. A 3.6p final dividend makes a total up by 0.3p

to 5.3p.
Jim Cleary, the chairman, rejected suggestions that his group was in financial difficulties which have prompted an abrupt slide in the share Tempos, page 29

Record for Pict

Pict Petroleum reports record is likely to place greater net profit of £2.3 million for emphasis on scheduled serthe year to the end of June, compared with losses of £399.000. Earnings of 6.220 a share compare with a deficit of 1.45p. There is again no dividend. Tempus, page 29

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23859.36 (+253.26) Closing Prices ... Page 33 Major indices and major changes Page 31

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James set to take helm at Dan Air

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the City's toughest and most successful troubleshooters has been asked to take over the running of Dan Air as part of a two-year plan aimed at saving the

Talks on the planned takeover were going on late last night and if successful, David James, who has rescued a string of leading industrial companies, will take over next week. The negotiations follow a series of meetings with Dan Air's bankers, who insisted on top-level changes in return for guaranteeing to back the company for the next two years.

If Mr James, who this year was brought in as chairman of Eagle Trust to rescue the company after its shares were suspended when the fraud squad was called in, accepts the proposal, he is expected to demand a drastic change in the structure of the airline. He

vices and a smaller fleet. Mr James' precise role was still being defined last n talks with Davies and New- sure of their future." man. He would become at place of Fred Newman, the group chairman, who has been

in overall charge since 1966. The sale of Dan Air's engineering base at Gatwick, for which an agreement in principle has been reached with a non-airline group, but which of them or me, I was deter-

has yet to be signed formally, will be a priority. However, this deal has been thrown into doubt by the

decision of Harry Goodman's Air Europe to withdraw from a contract for the company to maintain its fleet of Boeing 757 jets. The contract, representing between 15 and 20 per cent of Dan Air's engineering work and produced profits of about £4 million a year, was subject to cancellation if Dan Air sold the base or even threatened to do so. Mr Goodman, the chair-

man of International Leisure Group, which owns Air Europe, said: "We asked if they could give us a guarantee that any of our aircraft which were trapped in the hanger in the event of a closure would be returned to us, and we did not get such a guarantee. We therefore decided to pull out. "We have learned over the

last 18 months that people can disappear around us and have lost a very great deal as a result of the demise of Paramount and Exchange Travel. We are now not prepared to give business to anyone unle Air Europe's stance follows

least chairman of Dan Air a similiar decision by ILG's Services and may be ap- tour operating group not to pointed to the Davies and use Dan Air aircraft this win-Newman holding board in ter or next summer, leading to allegations that Mr Goodman was trying to hasten the demise of Dan Air so he could pick up its remaining routes. The allegations were denied by Mr Goodman, but he added: "If it was to be a question

mined it would not be me." While ILG was taking action against Dan Air, the Dan Air board was putting forward a business plan to Lloyds Bank in the hope of obtaining cash guarantees to provide a breathing space while the

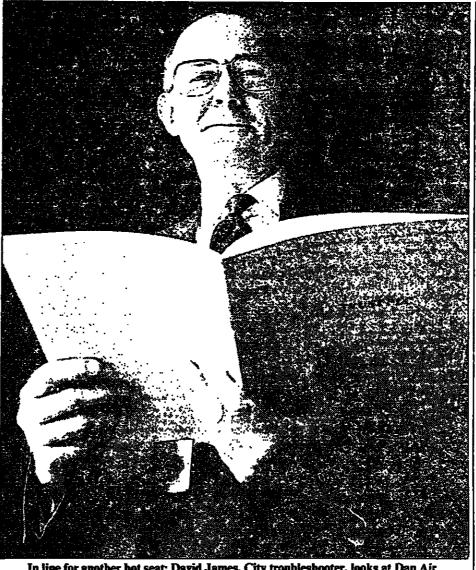
company was reorganised. The bank backed the plan yesterday, but with conditions. It insisted that a senior management structure be created to coincide with the switch in the airline's headquarters to Gatwick next month. Sir Ian Pedder, Dan Air's chairman, would be ousted with many executives if Mr James moved in his own

Dan Air's troubles stem from the collapse of the holiday charter market. The airline had no direct links with a tour operator to guarantee passengers. Then tensions in the Gulf more than doubled

The banks have been worried about the dwindling returns from Dan Air's charter operations and the Civil Aviation Authority has studied

If Mr James takes over, he will have to shed many of the older jets in Dan Air's fleet, whose fuel consumption is now much greater than rival airlines with more modern aircraft. At today's fuel prices, it costs \$138 per seat to fly an older Boeing 727-200 to Teneriffe and back compared with \$81 per seat in a 737-400 and \$83 in a 757.

Comment, page 29



In line for another hot seat: David James, City troubleshooter, looks at Dan Air

Waterford strike adds to losses WATERFORD Crystal's 14- half figures. There will be no Fitzwilton consortium take a week strike during the sum-

mer sent the Waterford Wedgwood crystal and fine china group deeper into loss in the first half of 1990.

The strike was primarily responsible for a loss of Ir14.6 million (£13.2 million) at Waterford, and inflated group losses by an estimated Ir£10 million to Ir£18.3 million, against a loss of Ir£10.6 million a year ago, and will also have an impact on the secondinterim dividend.

The deal with the Irish workforce is expected to result in substantial production cost savings. Paddy Byrne, group chief executive officer, said: "The results do not show the complete picture. There has been real improvement in the condition of the businesses that, given time, will accrue to shareholders."

The refinancing last spring, which saw Tony O'Reilly's

29.9 per cent stake, injected lr£96.2 million of new cash, cutting net debt from Ir£145.3 million to Ir£34.9 million, and

reducing gearing from 200 per cent to almost 20 per cent. The British-based Wedgwood interests did well to achieve profits of Ir£7 million, against Ir£8 million. Most of the downturn was attributable to currency translation.

Tempus, page 29

Carpetland buyout runs into snags

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE management buyout of the 119 Carpetland shops from Lowndes Queensway. the group that went into receivership in August has run into difficulties over the funding of the deal.

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The buyout team, which is headed by Ray Nethercott, managing director of the carpet division, approached Kingfisher, the retail group. and had been optimistic that it would receive Kingfisher's backing. But sources inside

Carpetland said that Kingfisher decided not to go ahead with the deal, which was expected to proceed in the next few weeks. Kingfisher refused to comment.

The management buyout team, which has spoken to a number of potential backers. including the 3i and Continental European groups, is said to be looking for less than £10 million and is now considering widening the buyout to include taking some of the remaining 54 Queensway furniture stores as well as the Carpetland business. The management team is believed to be the only group considering taking the complete business.

 Manpower, the former Blue Arrow employment group now attempting to relocate across the Atlantic to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has warned shareholders that it may have to accept less than the £106 the company is to sell most of its non-Manpower businesses in this country (Martin Waller writes).

The announcement sent the shares 3p lower to 49p. The deal, a buyout of the Brook Street agency and four other last month. Last week, the market learned of problems with financing.

Buyouts failing, page 28

record over dollar let Caird bid lapse

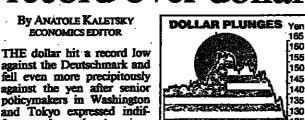
against the Deutschmark and fell even more precipitously against the yen after senior policymakers in Washington and Tokyo expressed indifference about the American currency's decline. By the close in London, the dollar was down more than two yen and about 1/2 pfennig. It recovered slightly in early New York trading, responding to stronger than expected figures on industrial output, but it remained well down on the day, especially against the yen. The American currency hit its lowest point of DM1.5040 and Y124.80 before lunch in London as traders reacted to

steep overnight falls in Tokyo

and comments by Nicholas

Brady, the US Treasury Sec-

retary, who said in Wash-



ington on Tuesday night that the dollar's fall was "not something we are overly concerned about". By lunchtime in New York

the dollar's decline was halted by the publication of stronger than expected economic fig-At mid-day in New York,

the dollar traded at Y125.50 and DM1.5125. Sterling was mostly sidelined in the foriegn exchanges, trading almost unchanged at \$1.9620 and

Yen and mark set Severn Trent may

SEVERN Trent, the privatised water company, is reviewing its 100p a share cash offer for Caird Group and may Provisions of £3 million allow the bid to lapse.

Representatives of Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank acting for Severn Trent, have discussed with the Takeover Panel the possibility of reducing the value of the bid or allowing it to lapse.

Severn Trent's offer for the ordinary shares, which values the company at £78 million, but rejected the terms for the convertible preference shares. Caird shares fell from 93p to

downgraded its profit forecast for the 18 months to the end of December from £8.5 million before tax to £7.2 million, were "viewed with concern."

while an unaudited statement shows the value of net assets unchanged at £54.1 million.

have also been made in respect of anticipated losses and closure costs within Caird's ioint venture property development companies. Severn Trent, which now

holds almost 30 per cent of Caird's ordinary shares, reserved the right to withdraw its offer should the company fail to reaffirm its original profit forecast, which was issued in September as a profit warning, provoking the fall in Caird shares which preceded the bid.

A Severn Trent statement noted "with disappointment" Caird's announcement and said the extraordinary losses

Li guilty of corruption in Hong Kong

Ex-chairman ran stock exchange 'like private club'

From Lulu Yu in hong kong

RONALD LI, one of Hong Kong's most influential businessmen and former chairman of the colony's stock exchange, was convicted on corruption charges in

the high court yesterday. Mr Justice Bokhary, who presided over the six-week trial, is to pass sentence today. Li faces other charges under the prevention of bribery ordnance with six other former exchange members. Li's conviction was a famous victory for the prosecutors, who sought to stamp out irregularities of an era in which the stock exchange was run like "a private club" and deals were extradited by officials who made or bent the rules. Li. the 60-year old billionaire and

devout Anglican, closed the exchange for

four days after Black Monday, a move

which dented Hong Kong's image as a

serious financial centre for international

investors. When the exchange reopened

on October 26, 1987, the market suffered its biggest one-day fall and the futures exchange collapsed and was bailed out at a cost of HK\$4 billion (£264 million).

Li stepped down as chairman of the exchange in December 1987 and stayed on as one of five vice chairmen until he was arrested by anti-graft officers on January 2, 1988. In a report by Mr Ian Hay Davison, the British regulator brought in for a six-month review of the financial market, Li was found to have run the exchange like a "private club" locking out foreign institutions and accountable only to himself.

The government has since embarked

on a complete overhaul of the system.

resulting in new management for the

exchanges, stricter securities regulations

and the establishment of an independent

Securities and Futures Commission. Li,

once rated the third richest man in Hong

Kong, with a personal fortune of HK\$14

billion, belonged to a different, more

broker, he was barred from joining the old British-run Hong Kong Stock Exchange. In defiance, he founded the Far East Stock Exchange in 1969. It rivalled the existing exchange and championed local brokers against international firms Two more exchanges developed. in 1986, Mr Li masterminded a mer-

ger of the four small exchanges into one. He was voted chairman and often used his clout to defeat unwanted rules. During the trial, Li was accused of

abusing his position as chairman to make a personal profit of nearly \$HK880,000 from corrupt share deals. He denied there was anything wrong with asking for shares from companies whose listings he had just approved. After 101/2 hours of deliberations the jury convicted him by a majority vote of 5-2 of accepting the shares of Cathay Pacific Airways and Novel Enterprises for supporting their listings in 1986 and 1987.

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TO PLACE CBI unveils tax relief plan to boost share ownership

By Ross TIEMAN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT A CONFEDERATION of British ladustry task force is calling for tax relief of £1,200 a year on personal share investments as part of a long-term strategy to encourage the Brit-

ish to buy more shares.

Companies should be allowed to advertise their own shares and should expand em-ployee share ownership, it

The confederation adds that the International Stock Ex-change should join the companies in a share marketing campaign while mounting a determined effort to cut dealing costs for small investors.

The proposals are among a broad range of measures urged in a report, "A Nation of Shareholders" from the CBI's wider share ownership task force yesterday.

They are needed, it says, to reverse a sharp decline in the proportion of shares owned by individuals. Sir Peter Thompson, chairman of the task force, said the strategy is vital to the health of Britain's

not understand the wealth creation process." Control ten or more shares. over British quoted com- Despite privatisations, The report will be discussed panies had become con- "millions of people have at the CBI's annual conference



The CBI report says that the economy and society.

He was supported by John
Banham, director general of
the CBI, who said; "The vast

equities held by individuals,
by market value, has fallen
from 38 per cent in 1975 to 28
the CBI, who said; "The vast
per cent in 1981 and 20 per equities held by individuals, bulk of our fellow citizens do cent today. Only 300,000 owned a balanced portfolio of

centrated in the hands of never traded in the secondary at Glasgow in November. If about 60 fund managers, he market", said Sir Peter. "They adopted, it will become the added.

market", said Sir Peter. "They adopted, it will become the just sat there holding privation policy of the employers' sation shares and neither, our survey showed, did they know

The report says the pro-posed income tax relief on how to trade them." The task force report blames stock market strucdirect share investments of up to £100 a month for a limited period would cost the Treatures, a failure to market shares, and tax incentives sury £300 million a year if one million people took advantage of it. It is modelled on highly favouring investment in houses and pensions. successful schemes in France The report will be discussed and America.

Grovewood for Priest **Marians**

By MATTHEW BOND

GROVEWOOD Securities, the property group run by David Holland, the former chairman of Randsworth Trust, has finally made its long-awaited bid for Priest Marians Holdings, the London property company.

Grovewood is offering one of its shares for each ordinary share in Priest Marians. Additional Grovewood shares are being placed with institutions at 35p each to raise £13.75 million of working capital. At 35p the loss-making Priest Marians is valued at £5

The deal represents a huge loss for JMB Realty, the American property company. Last November JMB paid 380p a share for the 25.1 per cent stake owned by Simon Fussell, Priest Marians' former chairman. It later took its stake up to 28.3 per cent at a total cost of over £14 million. Yesterday the Grovewood bid valued the JMB stake at just £1.3 million.

The bid was accompanied by interim figures for Priest Marians, which revealed that in the six months to March the company made pre-tax losses of £20.8 million. The company also has current net borrowings of £130 million.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

offers £5m | Retraction by BZW on Maxwell Corp

BARCLAYS de Zoete Wedd has been forced to retract statements made in its morning briefing note about the profitability of Maxwell Communication Corporation after a

complaint from the group.

BZW had claimed earlier this month that disposals announced recently would weaken the group's prospects. An apology published yesterday said the disposals programme will now increase attributable profits for Maxwell in the financial year to the end of March. The dispute is similar to the same of the contract of the contra one between Maxwell and James Capel this summer. at which the publisher forced a retraction of remarks made internally by the broker and reported in the press.

Brabant draws Air London private funds in 5% rise

Unlisted Securities Market this year. They subscribed for 550,800 shares in Brabant Resources, 5.1 per cent of the 10.8 million new shares being issued. The oil and gas exploration concern is raising £16 million via a placing and offer, at a cost of almost £854,000. The shares are being issued at 155p.

PRIVATE investors have AIR London International shown interest in one of the the air charter broker that few companies to join the came to the unlisted securities market via a placing last November, has reported a 5 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £822,000 for the

year ended in July. The company saw turnover improve 28 per cent to £13.4 million, although earnings slipped by 7 per cent to 6.2p. A final dividend of 1.4p makes 2.5p for the year.

Go-ahead for Ranger

RANGER Oil (UK) has received Department of Energy approval for the development of the Anglia offshore gasfield in the North Sea's southern gas basin. The Anglia field is expected to produce 50 million cubic feet of gas a day from December next year. Gas will be sold under short-term contracts to Kinetica Ltd, BP Gas Marketing and Associated

Long-term supplies are intended for Anglia Power and Gas, a Ranger-operated project to develop a 350-megawatt gas-fired electrical generating plant. Ranger, a subsidiary of the eponymous Canadian-based group, has a 35.63 per cent interest in the field.

Profits fall at Cooper falls Bourne End to £4.6m

A SURGE in interest costs FREDERICK Cooper, Brit-

took its toll on profits at ain's second largest supplier Bourne End Properties, the of window locks and door property investor. Pre-tax knockers, reported a drop in profits fell from £347,000 to pre-tax profits from £8.7 £65,000 in the half year to million to £4.6 million for end-June. Group interest payments were £1.25 milline with the forecast that lion, compared with a gain of £214,000 last time. Earnings open offer. The dividend, as per share fell from 3.5p to expected, rises to 4p against 0.77p but the interim dividend was maintained at 1p. expected, rises to 4p against 3.85p, with the recommendation of a 2.5p final.

Henry Boot advances

DAVID Boot, chairman of Henry Boot and Sons, the construction company, says there is no indication that public sector contracts will alleviate an increasingly competitive market for privately funded construction projects.

Despite this, Henry Boot has still managed to raise pre-tax profits by 26 per cent to £2 million in the six months to end-June. Mr Boot said the performance was a result of the company's lack of gearing and successfully completed property developments. The interim dividend was raised by 17 per cent to 7p (6p).

This year proving disastrous for many buyout deals

1989 and four times as many as two years ago, according to a review of the market.

Figures published by the influential Centre for Management Buyout Research show that 32 deals failed between January and June this year. The figure for same period last year was 11 and for the 12 month period it was 27. Only eight deals went into receivership two years ago. In 1986, not a single buyout or buy-in was identified by the centre as

Buyouts have been hit by their high debt levels, typically three times the size of the equity element in the deals. and by their inability to refinance through flotations, because of the decline in

MORE management buyouts culties facing buyouts have and buy-ins went into been reflected in changing receivership in the first half of financial structures. In deals this year than in the whole of carried out in the first six months of the year, the proportion of the funding provided in the form of equity or quasi-equity rose from 18.5 per cent to 24.8 per cent.

The current harsh economic climate is not all bad news for the buyout industry. Nearly ten per cent of deals in the first half this year originated from larger groups that had gone into receivership, the highest proportion since 1984.

Overall, the market saw continuing high volumes of deals, but of much smaller 271 deals were carried out compared with the record 503 in the whole of last year. However, the average deal size

LOFs' tanker fleet grows in \$70m deal

By PHILIP PANGALOS

LONDON & Overseas ping Corporation, the group's Freighters, the UK tanker holding company, to be built company that is controlled by the Kulukundis family, is expanding its fleet with the addition of a third tanker in a deal worth \$70 million.

LOFs has commissioned a 150,000-ton tanker, in a joint venture with Iroquois Ship-

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er will initially be time-chartered for a five-year period by Chevron Transport Corpor-

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Market speculation sug that a rate of about \$30,000 per day has been agreed. which is understood to be a

very healthy deal. The effective purchase cost of \$70 million will be paid in five instalments. The delivery date is expected to be during

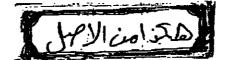
• Norex, the shipping and insurance group formerly known as Common Brothers, increased taxable profits from £2.4 million to £3.2 million during the year to end-June, despite a reduction in turnover from £48.56 million to £33.37 million.

Earnings rose from 14.07p a share to 18.12p. The company is returning to the dividend list, paying a total of 1p a share (nil paid in 1989).



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With benefit of that priceless commodity, perfect hindsight, Kleinwort Benson was doomed to fail with its attempted block trade in Premier Consolidated. The City's and contrasts starkly with two key principles in such matters were brushed aside in a

breathtaking manner. The first, that big blocks of shares trade at discount, was ignored by the decision to pay Burmah a little more than the prevailing market price for its 29 per cent holding in Premier. This oversight lapses into insignificance by the failure to observe perhaps the most fundamental City rule of them all - always leave a profit for the other party. By seeking a price of 103p per share when Premier shares were trading at around 97p, Kleinwort

was being too aggressive by half, By all accounts, these twin departures from City convention left Kleinwort's luckless salesmen precious little by way of a convincing sales pitch when they began the phone-in to sell the

to the gung-ho era of the terms of the ordinary offer, may immediate post-Big Bang days bring to a head a simmering and

Kleinwort falls foul of neglected twins

Kleinwort's normal conservative approach to life.

The financial damage - profits will be no more than half the previously expected £60 million this year - will be painful but brief.Far more permanent will be the setback to Kleinwort's painstaking efforts to establish itself as a first rank player in

As for bought deals, it must be of some concern to banking regulators that more than a quarter of the group's capital could be tied up, for the best part of three months, in a failed effort to make quick profits.

Right to vote

laird's rejection of the "inadequate" offer for its convertible shares by Sev-The whole excercise harks back ern Trent, despite accepting the

damaging row in the convertibles market. Only last week, Rank Organisation found itself struggling to pass the 90 per cent threshold in its offer for the Mecca convertible preference shares. A determined rearguard action by Sun Life, which bitterly opposed the terms of the offer, almost prevented Rank from being able compulsorily to buy out the minority holders. It was a lone and ultimately futile gesture but one that reflects the acute concern with which a number of institutions regard the outlook for the convertibles market.

They argue that, in a long succession of deals over the past 18 months, from the Magnet buyout, via the British & Commonwealth receivership, to the Mecca and Caird takeover bids, convertible stockholders

ordinary shareholders or secured

As a result, companies will find it increasingly difficult to fund themselves with anything other that expensive secured bank debt or dilutive new equity. Certain safeguards for the convertible holders can and have been taken. Enhanced conversion terms in the event of a takeover are becoming more common in new issues, but do not necessarily fully protect the capital value of the convertibles. Investor put options could be imported from the Euro markets, but as the experiences of Saatchi & Saatchi convertible investors show, they may offer little or no protection in the very circumstances for which the put option is designed to provide.

rights to convertible shareholders. Issuers and equity holders will hate the idea, but if UK companies want to keep the full range of capital structures available to them, the now thoroughly disillusioned convertible market is going to have to be offered some fairly hefty concessions.

Price of peace

t is a sad irony that 2,100 workers at Cammell Laird Shipbuilders are on course to become casualties of better East-West relations. Job losses are hardly the sort of peace dividend that Merseyside needs.

Cammeli Laird was designated a warship yard, so parent company VSEL was refused support to return it to merchant ship building. Despite the "for provide. sale" sign now hanging over the One far more radical gate, the yard's most likely have lost out in favour of the alternative is granting voting outlook is a gradual run-down

until its last submarine is completed in February 1993. VSEL will be left with extraordinary costs of perhaps £20 million and a 150-acre derelict site. And problems of its own.

At the main yard in Barrow-in-Furness, VSEL's bread and butter work on Britain's fourboat Trident submarine programme is at its peak. A famine of new warship orders is in prospect.

Since Barrow has the broadest range of ship-building skills in the country, any government anxious to preserve indigenous design-and-build warship capacity would probably ensure its survival.

But job cuts there look as likely as further extraordinary chargesfor VSEL. The development of more international co-operative agreements, promises to be the shape of the future. But VSEL cannot be immune from the impending world-wide round of defence industry rationalisation.

The share price tells the story. At 365p, down 22p yesterday, VSEL shares cost just 4.4 times prospective earnings despite a yield of 8.2 per cent.

THE extensive share deal between Highland Distilleries the whisky producer, and the controlling shareholder of Rémy Cointreau, the French cognac and liqueurs group, shows that European link-ups are being taken seriously, even by smaller companies.

The Europeanisation of the drinks industry has gathered pace recently, countering the argument, once put forward against the single European market, that differing local tastes would continue to cause a fragmented market.

The deals that have been completed include LVMH. another French cognac and champague group, which linked with Guinness, and Louis Roederer, a French champagne maker, which bought Ramos Pinto, the Portuguese port wine group.

There was also speculation that Grand Metropolitan would negotiate a distribution deal with Rémy Martin and Pernod Ricard, but the Highland Distilleries deal might have put an end to that. However, Grand Metropoli-tan is still an indirect shareholder in Rémy Martin, the comac division of the Rémy Cointreau group, which also controls Piper Heidsieck, the chamnaene maker.

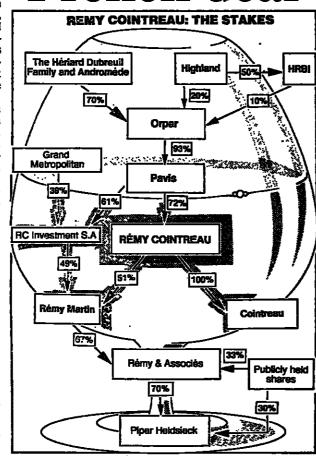
Highland Distilleries, best known for The Famous Grouse brand, which is Scotland's best selling whisky, and second best seller in England, aims to improve distribution of its brands of Scotch whiskies across Europe.

Distribution has been a roblem for Highland Distilleries for several decades. Only 17 per cent of the company's annual sales of 24 million bottles, come from abroad, compared with an industry average of 85 per cent. In some countries, such as Germany, the company is hardly represented, while in France, its best overseas market, it sells only 100,000 bottles a year, a sixth of sales enjoyed by Johnny Walker.

A further advantage of the deal will be Highland Distilleries' ability to cash in on the distribution profits, which over the last decade accounted for a rising proportion of total

The links between the two

Grouse finds new breeding ground in French deal



Previously fragmented marconverge. A survey carried ot recently by the French National Inter-profession Office of Wine, which studied the West Germany third place, drinking behaviour of 12,400 and even with unification, the

kets appear to be beginning to position at the top of the more link-ups seem inworld's alcohol consumed per evitable. person table. France was followed by East Germany, with WOLFGANG MUNCHAU

French position remains unchallenged. In Germany, a traditional beer- and schnaps-dominated drinking culture, consumption of wine, particularly by young people, is

increasing.
The still noticable difference in drinking habits across Europe will be eroded further if the European Commission succeeds in standardising alcohol duties throughout Europe.

The cheap wine duties in Southern Europe account for much higher wine consumption in France, Italy and Spain, while Northern Europeans, and the British in particular, have to pay more

Whisky is one of the drinks for which worldwide demand rising, particularly from countries such as Japan, and East Europe, which is searching for a replacement to vodka, a drink now definitely out of fashion there.

Under the deal between the two companies, Highland Distilleries' 12.7 per cent stake in Macallan-Glenlivet will fall to the French company, raising its total stake in Macallan-Glenlivet to 26 per cent, and Highland Distilleries will acquire a French-owned malt whisky distillery in Scotland.

The French company will be allowed to build up a stake in Highland Distilleries of up to 10 per cent through open

The deal shows that the European integration is being carried out in continental, and not traditional British style, cross-shareholdings and distribution arrangements and not through takeovers.

The past experience of Anthe British had a minority, has

harder liquors are mainly tribution complexity of the responsible for the country's European drinks business

European Business Correspondent

left with debts of more than £200 million after the hostile takeover of Carless Capel in Square firms by moving to the nearby Edinburgh Financial Centre, which opened re-

TEMPUS Wedgwood's shattered glass

NO AMOUNT of boardroom the cost of Ir£1.7 million, and tub-thumping can quite every management sinew will drown the sound of shattering now, it seems, be bent into glass at Waterford Wedgwood. At best, it was careless of the new management to allow the Irish workforce to down tools

for three months within weeks of finalising its rescue package with Tony O'Reilly's con-sortium. That strike cost Ir£10 million by the end of the first six months and will also slice into second-half earnings.

It also cost the board a large chunk of what little confidence the rescue plan had begun to restore.

What last April's Ir£96.2 million (£86.8 million) cash injection did achieve was a dramatic improvement in the balance sheet, slashing debt months and reducing gearing to 20 per cent.

This will affect the profit and loss account more fully in the second six months, although it cut the first-half interest charge by £600,000 to

Irish brokers believe that, given no fresh lurch in the world economy, the group could break even in the second half, although whether that will be good enough for the board to make a final dividend payment is anyone's

Attempts to launch new brands have been scrapped, at million.

exploiting the Waterford name through a wider product

range.

The long-term plan is to source these abroad — a pilot operation is already under way in Germany.

The short-term problem is to sell the idea to the Irish trade unions. Having seen the damage that industrial strife can inflict, investors will continue to regard the shares, at 18p, as speculative, despite the value in the brand names.

TIP Europe

CONVENTIONAL wisdom would have it that a company selling on just five times' from Ir£145.3 million to future earnings and yielding Ir£34.9 million in the 12 10 per cent is either in a parlous state financially or at the least in a highly specu-

But TIP Europe is in the relatively stable trailer-rental business and, while the fullyear figures to end-June were decidedly unexciting, the market confidently expects the company to do at least as well

Operating profits up 58 per cent to £29.3 million could not match a 68 per cent turnover increase, while higher interest rates after hefty capital investment left pre-tax profits just 22 per cent higher at £15.5

Ex-steel chief aims to

But for contributions from acquisitions and a change in depreciation policy, the pretax line would actually have been some £800,000 lower.

The share price during the past year has more than anticipated the slowdown. The shares, which came to the market early in 1988 at 125p, have dropped from a high of 210p this February to 74p yesterday, off another 2p on

receipt of the results. The company now says it will be cutting capital spending to little more than a tenth last year's £70 million, with a consequent reduction in borrowings. Most of the damage last year came from this country, where utilisation rates of about 70 per cent sent

profits into a nosedive. With TIP now claiming that Britain has bottomed out, £16 million pre-tax looks achievable this year. Hardly a raging buy in the current uncertainty. but the shares look to have reached their low.

Pict Petroleum SHARES in Britain's dwin-

dling band of independent exploration and production companies have risen steadily in recent weeks, reflecting the sharp increase in oil prices. The exception is Pict Petrokeum, whose shares still trail the City's most conservative long-term plans for the estimates for net asset value.

were down 1p at 123p after the company, which has a broad spread of interests in the North Sea, returned net income of £2.3 million for the year to end-June, against a deficit of £399,000 last time.

Earnings of 6.22p a share compared with last year's deficit of 1.45p. Again, there is no dividend, but with the Ivanhoe, Rob Roy and Hamish oilfields in the North Sea now well into their first year of production, the company can be expected to begin paying a dividend in respect of 3.75 per cent interest in the near firture.

Analysts value the commany's assets, which also include 0.69 per cent of the Claymore field and 1.88 per cent of Scott, at between 165p and 180p a share. The company expects its production profile to rise to about 2,500 barrels per day in the current year and has based its own estimates of forward earnings on a price of \$20 a barrel. The weak dollar will offset some of the benefits of higher oil prices, but the upside is clearly evident.

However, with Amerada Hess holding 48 per cent of Pict's shares, the price is unlikely to reflect the potential. New investors will be taking a gamble on Amerada's

be an airline leader not always been happy, as French men, showed that the companies date back to 1988, French men, showed that the with the packaging "merger" number who drink wine each between the former Metal Box when Rėmy Cointreau's disday dropped from 32 per cent and Carnaud, although each of tribution subsidiary was ap-A FORMER steel magnate, who sold his stockholding pointed as the principal to 18 per cent during the past these cases made sound indusdistributer of The Famous decade. Instead, the French trial sense. have discovered that the However, due to the dis-

company to British Steel for £330 million, has unveiled plans which, if successful, could make him one of the leaders of Britain's airline industry.

Jack Walker, who sold

Walkersteel earlier this year, has invested more than £30 million in Jersey European Airways. The company is poised to pick up the pieces of the disintegrating British airline industry, which has been badly hit by spiralling fuel costs and the downturn in the economy.

While other airlines are cutting back in the face of rising fuel prices, Mr Walker has spotted what he is convinced is a gap in the market for an independent airline flying between regional cities, by-passing the main hub air-

The Walker Aviation Group of Companies set up Spacegrand, an airline, in Blackpool in 1980, with only one five-seater aircraft. In 1985, the group took over Jersey European Airways and merged it with Spacegrand, with the joint operation trading under the Jersey European Airways name.

By concentrating on providing air services from small regional airports and keeping costs to a minimum, Mr Walker has built up Jersey European Airways from a small specialist operator to one of the most successful airlines in Europe.

Now the airline is hoping to cash in on the cutbacks being forced on many of its bigger competitors by introducing direct flights from Manchester, Birmingham, Stansted and Southampton to a wide range of domestic cities. Jersey European has

strengthened its management

team, ordered six new propel-

ler driven aircraft and in-

vested in a new corporate identity. Five years ago the airline carried 160,000 passengers and had a turnover of less than £9 million. This year the not interested in any buycompany expects to carry 460,000 passengers and achieve a turnover of more

than £26 million. Jersey European claims to be the last remaining truly



Jack Walker: Hoping to cash in on airline cutbacks

government's determination to bolster domestic competition by applying for licences to fly direct from

can no longer sustain high cost

independent British airline equipment, Such routes wil be and is taking advantage of the attractive to Jersey European whose costs are signficantly

Many aviation experts believe, however, that the future regional airports such as of regional airlines could be Blackpool, Bristol and Exeter. put in jeopardy by the growing number of international buypetitors have made ap- outs and marketing links and

determination to bolster domestic

proaches to take over the the aggressive competition on company. Mr Walker, who regional services from large says he is determined not to multi-national carriers. It is a view not shared by Mr Walker and his new management. They are determined to take advantage of the freedom

European ties urged for food retailers

BRITAIN'S major super-market groups will have to consider diversifying into overseas markets, according to Alistair Grant, chairman and chief executive of Argyll Group, the Safeway supermarket company.

Speaking at the Verdict

conference on international retailing. Mr Grant said Sainsbury, Tesco, Argyli and Asda all belong to the top 70 UK companies but only Sainsbury could claim to be a significant player in markets other than UK food retailing. Sainsbury owns the DIY chain Homebase and has Shaws supermarkets in America. By contrast nearly every company in the top 50 has a presence in overseas markets. Mr Grant said that one reason Britain's food retailers had not diversified so far was the potential for continuing strong sales and profit growth in the UK. But the supermarket groups were considering diversification as part of their medium to long term plan. The five main supermarket groups, including Gateway, constitute over 60 per cent of the grocery market in Britain and would not be able to grow by acquiring each other because of monopoly considerations. Argyll has made a tentative

move into Europe through an alliance with several European supermarket groups. The European Retail Alliance (ERA) is a partnership of Argyll, the Dutch group Ahold and the French group Casmo with each partner holding a £35 million stake in the

Mr Grant said that Argyll had chosen the partnership route into Europe because the scope for growth by acquistion in Europe was limited. "Contested takeovers are not a strong feature of corporate development in Europe. The chances of acquiring a first class business with real scale are slim." he said.

Other British supermarket groups have been watching Argyll's European activities with interest and Mr Grant says the ERA alliance is already beginning to pay

GILLIAN BOWDITCH

French without Wytch Farm, the largest on-shore oilfield development in tears

A CRASH course in French is the next item on Russell Leiman's career agenda, after his promotion from chief executive of the London originated securities business of both Credit Lyonnais and Laing & Cruickshank, its British offshoot, to a group pos-ition whereby he will be responsible for all Credit Lyonnais' securities business on a global basis. "That means the international business of New York, Tokyo, South East Asia and Paris, as well as London," says Leiman, aged 42. Even though he readily admits his French is "nonexistent", he has now become the first non-Frenchman to be given such a senior position. A requirement is that he must spend two days a week in Paris. "It will be very challenging and it is certainly something the group needs," he adds. "I have got to devise a system of management so that all the various offices feel that what they are doing is for the good of all. Otherwise they will fragment into factions." Leiman, with Laing & Cruickshank for two years, and with Vickers da Costa for 18 years before that, will be replaced in London by Michael Kerr-Dineen, head of the firm's private client operation.

Wytch way

KELT Energy's dramatic decision to place the jewel in its tarnished crown on the mar-

western Europe - is, it seems, typical of the man recruited to relieve the oil and gas independent of its crippling debts. Jock Green-Armytage, joint chairman and chief executive since January, has a reputation for the unexpected and for taking decisions others fear to take. As a young director of N M Rothschild, he masterminded the dawn raid on Guthrie Corporation for Maiaysia's Permodalan Nasional Berhad. Then he whipped Guthrie's industrial interests into shape and brought the company to the stock market in 1986. When the Malaysian government put a spanner in the works by selling its 61 per cent stake in Guthrie to BBA, the motor components group, Green-Armytage had no alternative but to recommend the bid. Hubert Perrodo, Kelt chairman and 75 per cent shareholder, promptly recruited Green-Armytage to rescue his troubled company,

that has crept into Minorco's WATERFORD-WEDGWOOD ently prides itself on its sport-

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1990 annual report, making it more interesting than the 1989 report and revealing that the board paid out a total of \$1.02 million last year to directors as part of its incentive scheme. The scheme is based on share price appreciation over a five to seven year period but, sadly, individual members of this elite club are not identified. However, it would be surprising if they did not include Sir Michael Edwardes, who led the 1988-89 battle against Consolidated Gold Fields. Edwardes' Who's Who entry mentions that his club memberships include that of Jesters, a club which appar-

Currie's off CHARLOTTE Square in Ed-

inburgh, traditionally home to generations of Scottish fund managers, is. it seems, slowly losing its grip on the investment community there. Martin Currie, one of its longeststanding residents, has surprised other Charlotte

1989. Clearly undaunted by cently. Such a move, by a firm the scale of the task, Greenknown for its conservatism, Armytage accepted and was allocated options on 15 milhas apparently set tongues wagging among employees of its former neighbours, among lion shares at 31.5p each. The shares have, however, fallen them Ivory & Sime and relentlessly ever since and Stewart Ivory, with some now trade at 71/2p. Greenwondering if they too should be thinking about moving. Baillie Gifford, which has offices just off the square, has Armytage does not own any Kelt shares yet. taken space behind the Caledonian Hotel, and Dun-AN INTRIGUING new line edin Fund Managers, moved out in November 1987. But some habits die hard. For Martin Currie, anxious 10 recreate the same rarefied atmosphere, has been carefully moving its prized antique Georgian furniture into the new offices. It might, however, look a little out of place in the new building, which locals have unflatteringly dubbed "the hole in the ground", because of the long time it took to construct. RICHARD Jones, leader of the

leisure research team at Panmure Gordon, is leaving for a position in Singapore. Jones, aged 25, who has spent three years building up the team, will join Baring Securi-ties next month to focus on Malaysian and Singapore markets. "I have always liked the area" sory long who had the area," says Jones, who had hoped to be posted to Hong Kong but is more than happy with the eventual choice. "I am making a complete break with the leisure sector, but may do

some work on hotels at first."

Taking advantage of the government's competition by applying for licences to fly direct from regional airports'

expand too fast, is, however, pledged to resist all overtures.
"We will definitely make it under our own steam and are afforded to British airlines to outs," Mr Walker said yes-terday. "The downturn in the compete with each other in the increasingly liberal European industry will force many carri- aviation industry. ers to reconsider their networks and to shed routes that

HARVEY ELLIOTT

dividends.

30 BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Turriff builds to half-time £1.6m

Plan for corporate disputes to be settled out of court

to introduce American-style board. peaceful resolution of corporate disagreements.

Express, Ford, Smiths Industries. Grand Metropolitan and Trafalgar House, are founder members of the centre for dispute resolution (CEDR), a new body that aims consuming and expensive legal resolution of disputes

the principal British account he Fortune 500. tancy practices, a number of leading City law firms and the can companies saved an esti-

stake in a subsidiary of

Compagnie Européene des

Petroles, the French company

Cairm is acquiring a 22.22

Cairn takes CEP stake

burgh independent oil and gas shares, amounting to 5 per

company, is taking a minority cent of the company's en-

which holds a 22.5 per cent Sea blocks. A three-well interest in acreage offshore exploration programme began

per cent interest in CEP exploration and appraisal Vietnam 17 & 21, named after the two blocks which are its bear 5 per cent of any dev-

CEP will receive 1.22 mil- commercial discovery.

PROPOSALS to settle com- Confederation of British In- mated \$49 million in legal mercial disputes out of court dustry. Sir Alex Jarrett, the costs by using ADR techare to be launched next month chairman of Smiths Inin the first attempt in Europe dustries, will chair the CEDR period, the Australian Com-

called alternative dispute but one of 140 commercial testing companies, including resolution (ADR). The prindisputes.

AT. ICI. Costain, American ciples of ADR follow tra- Under ADR, Acas-style industrial relations disputes, such as those practised in Britain by Acas, the conciliation service.

ADR has been used in to short-circuit the often time- America for more than ten years. The Center for Public available. Resources, the main American ADR body, based in New between companies. can ADR body, based in New
The founding of CEDR is York, has 350 member comalso being backed by four of panies, including many from

In 1988, 61 leading Ameri-

larged share capital.

The blocks have a gross area

equivalent to almost 40 North

earlier this month. Cairn will

be carried for all costs of

elopment cost in the event of a

mercial Dispute Centre used The centre will offer so- ADR methods to resolve all

BAT, ICI. Costain, American ciples of ADR follow tra-Express, Ford, Smiths In-ditional methods of resolving conciliation is practised between the parties to a dispute, coaxing them towards a deal without extensive use of lawyers. Other techniques such as mediation, where an outsider recommends a deal, are also

CEDR, which will be a nonprofit making body, will be launched on November 14. It claims to be the first centre in Europe to offer ADR tech-

Eileen Carroll, a partner in Turner Kenneth Brown, the City law firm, has spent the last 18 months establishing CEDR. She said that Europe could not afford to ignore ADR. Karl Mackie, a Nottingham

CEDR chief executive, said: We are trying to educate business, and we are trying to educate the professionals." CEDR says it will be able to resolve cases more quickly and cheaply, without losing the option of litigation if

University lawyer who is also

necessary, ADR cases can also be dealt with in private, unlike court cases, so maintaining

Hard hat and harder times ahead: John Wvatt

creased its pre-tax profits by Five joint venture develop-12 per cent to £1.65 million in ments are due to be sold, with the six months to end-June a total value estimated at (Matthew Bond writes).

executive, has given warning the second half. The interim dividend stays at 4.25p.

Astley Whittall, the chair- whole of last year, sales deteriman, said the outcome for the orated in the second quarter.

TURRIFF Corporation, the full year was largely depenconstruction, plant hire and dent on property sales being personnel group, has in-completed during the period.

about £9.5 million. However, the company, Plant hire, where com-where John Wyatt is chief petition has resulted in much lower returns, and housethat the rate of increase is building activities are both unlikely to be maintained in under pressure. Although Turriff sold 30 properties in the first half, against 55 in the

HK official dismisses Jardine's complaints

From LULU YU

ROBERT OWEN, the chairman of Hong Kong's Securities and Futures Commission, has attacked Jardine Matheson's "campaign to criticise regulators."

In a statement that underscored the long-running feud between some Hong Kong business executives and securities watchdogs, Mr Owen dismissed Jardine's complaints. He said: "Jardine appears again to be engaged in a campaign to criticise regu-lators and government. This time it is for applying securities requirements to Bermudadomiciled companies listed on the stock exchange."

Mr Owen's remarks came after Gregory Terry, Jardine's general counsel, said on Mon-day that the stock exchange and the SFC were trying to extend Hong Kong's rules and regulations to foreign companies, thus defeating the purpose of re-domiciling.

Six years ago, Jardine, a huge trading house, started a trend by switching its base to Bermuda amid fears of the colony's return to China in 1997. Now more than a third of Hong Kong's 290 public firms are incorporated in tax havens abroad.

Mr Terry said: "These companies want a foreign passport so that they can feel confident in remaining in Hong Kong." Jardine's complaints include the exchange's ban on

share buy-backs.

EUROTUNNEL WOU COULD

Eurotunnel's transport system is planned to be operational in 1993. Over 70 miles of tunnels have now been bored, out of a total of 94 miles. The service tunnel, one of three tunnels which will link the UK and France, is close to breakthrough.

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RECENT ISSUES

firmed lp to 31p after the

long-awaited bid from Grove-

wood Securities, which al-

ready owns 23.4 per cent.

Grovewood is offering one of

its own shares for every share

in PM. The all-paper offer

values PM at 35p a share, or

£4.94 million. JMB Realty

holds a 28 per cent stake and is

expected to accept despite

suffering a large trading loss

Grovewood also intends to

raise £13.75 million by an

underwritten conditional

placing with its own share-

bolders at 35p a share.

Grovewood's price responded

to the news with a fall of 6p to

Standard Chartered, the

troubled international bank-

ing group, hardened lp to

268p. Tan Sri Khoo Teck

Puat, the businessman based

in Singapore, continued to

raise his holding with the purchase of 2 million shares.

This takes his holding to 15.1

million, or 7.34 per cent.

Standard has been under a

cloud recently amid growing

concern about the group's

level of bad debts. It is

estimated to have £50 million

of short-term loans with Polly

Peck. Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat

was one of the white squires

who rescued Standard from an unwanted bid by Lloyds Bank

in 1986. In those days, its price

Noble Raredon, the Turkish

was trading at about 800p.

ter of Asil Nadir, Polly Peck's

chairman, is on the board, fell

7p to 28p, still overshadowed

The big four clearing banks

by the Polly Peck affair.

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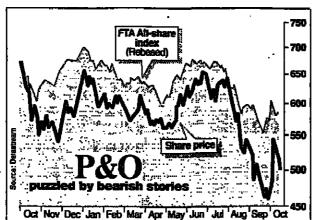
THE P&O shipping, property and housebuilding group, was forced to navigate some murky waters, its price sinking 18p to 501p after a bear raid on the shares.

Talk that the group was about to announce a big rights issue because of problems in its property division saw the price fall as low as 492p before some bear covering allowed it to close off the bottom. Heavy turnover in the traded options market also set alarm bells ringing. One leading broker is believed to have bought 200 put options, equivalent to 200,000 shares, in the November 500 series.

A spokesman for P&O said was "absolutely no truth" in any of the speculation in the market. P&O teamed with Chelsfield, a private property company, earlier this year to pay £492 million for Laing Properties.

The rest of the equity market spent another lacklustre day with prices drifting as a result of lack of support by fund managers and further -downward pressure on the FT-SE 100 December series in the futures market. A firmer start to trading on Wall Street enabled prices to close above their lowest. The FT-SE 100 index finished 15.6 down at 2.068.0, having been almost 23 points lower. The turnover Kleinwort's total losses are news of a rights issue. Manof 545 million shares was about £34 million. boosted by the Premier Consolidated Oilfields placing dropped 6p to 281p after and a £40 million program trade by Smith New Court, the broker. The FT index of 30 launched a £236 million bid shares ended 12.5 off at for Foseco, Ip dearer at 278p, ties sported gains of £1/2 at the with a rise of 6p to 466p as

Kleinwort Benson, the securi-revived. SHV holds almost 10 ties house, finally decided to per cent of Burmah. cut its losses and dispose of its near 30 per cent holding. The 110p before its figures today. 137.7 million shares were There was talk that the figures



placed with various institutions by a rival broker, Cazenove, at 78p a share. Kleinwort bought the shares

from Burmah at 99p in August and tried to place them with institutions at 103p, but other market-makers spoilt the business by marking the price sharply lower. It is estimated that interest charges on the deal were approaching £400,000 a week and that suspended in Paris before the

might be accompanied by a full bid for Geest, the banana importer, 12p better at 270p. The two are believed to have

Prodential Corporation slipped 21/2p to 2061/2p amid claims that it was ready to sell its Mercantile & General subsidiary to Axa-Midi, the French group, for £700 million. Axa-Midi shares were

Talk of a delay in the publication of the circular detailing Brent Walker's £103 million convertible capital bond issue was doing the rounds, sending the price tumbling 24p to 60p in late trading. Dealers say that investors will stay shy of the ordinary shares until it is published, giving market-makers little option but to mark the price lower.

The Kleinwort price

touching 279p. Burniah, which this week launched a £236 million bid 1.600.8. Government securi- shrugged off its recent gloom stories of a bid from SHV, the Premier fell 4p to 83p after Dutch energy group, were

Albert Fisher held steady at

power, the American employment agency that once traded under the name of Blue Arrow, fell 31/2p to 491/2p as it holidays group where the sisemerged that the £106 million sale of Brook Street Bureau has run into further difficulties. Brook Opportunities, the buyout group, is not able contract and is asking for a reduction in the price. The

spent a dull day. National make headway with a rise of bankers backing the buyout Ip to 257p with Midland said last week that they obgaining 3p to 190p. jected to the terms.

MICHAEL CLARK

Setback for Dow in early trading

THE Dow Jones industrial average was 4 points lower at falling shares outnumbering rises by about five to three in the general market.

Blue chips were lower under the weight of investors' worings and disillusionment at Washington's failure to agree on a plan for the American budget. The Dow average fell by 35 points on Tuesday. • Frankfurt - Prices closed

lower for the second consecutive day in lifeless trading. The Dax index fell sharply at the start, pushed down by weakness on Wall Street on

poor third-quarter earnings. But the Dax stabilised at lower 2,377.19 in early trading with levels, finishing 19.93 points lower at 1,440.79.

 Hong Kong — Stocks closed firmer, climbing by several points after having spent much of the day locked in ries about the prospect of tight ranges in fairly slim turnover. The Hang Seng nionment at index closed 8.97 higher at 2,958.54.

• Sydney - Spurred by a weaker local currency, investors gained renewed conclosed slightly firmer in choppy trading.
The All-Ordinaries index

closed 4.8 points up at 1,341.7. Tuesday and fears that Ger- public holiday.

Strong yen lifts Nikkei

PRICES closed higher after two consecutive days of trad- yen spurred gains among ing that was uncharacteristically active by recent standards. The Nikkei index 1.07 per cent, at 23,859.36. The volume of 600 million

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demand and the continued belief that interest rates may closed up 253.26 points, or have reached a peak prompted

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Law Report October 18 1990 House of Lords

Readiness obligation was condition of contract

cres et Denrées v C. Czarnikow Ltd

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich. Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Ackner, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle

[Speeches October 11] An obligation in rule 14 of the Rules relating to Contracts of the Refined Sugar Association

to have sugar available for loading without delay as soon as the vessel was ready to load the cargo was a condition of the contract any breach of which could be treated by the buyer as bringing the contract to an end. The House of Lords so held

(Lord Brandon dissenting in part) allowing an appeal by C. Czarnikow Ltd. the buyers, from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss; Sir Michael Kerr dissenting) ([1989] 2 Lloyd's Rep 462) on July 13, 1989, of an appeal by the buyers from a decision of Mr Justice Gatchouse given on November 3, 1988.

On an appeal by the sellers. cres et Denrees, from an arbitraof the Council of the Refined Sugar Association. Mr Justice Gatehouse, in the Commercial Court, had set aside the award which had held that the sellers had been in breach and repudiation of the contract between the parties for the sale of sugar. The council had awarded damages to the buyers with interest and costs.

Mr David Johnson, QC and Mr Duncan Matthews for the buyers. Mr Martin Moore-Bick. QC, and Mr Stephen Males for

LORD BRANDON, agreeing with Lord Ackner that rule 14 imposed on the sellers an obliga-tion to have the sugar available for loading immediately on the arrival of the ship at the loading port, dissented on the question whether that rule was a con-dition of the contract.

LORD ACKNER said that on December 11, 1985, the buyers entered into a contract with the sellers on the Assuc Sugar Contract No 2 form for the purchase of 12,000 tonnes of hite crystal sugar at a price of FFr1,425 net per tonne net on f.o.b. stowed terms. The contract incorporated the Rules relating to Contracts of the Refined Sugar Association of

The appeal raised essentially two questions, both of which were easier to state than to were easter to state than to answer. They were: (1) Did rule 14 impose on the seilers an obligation to have the sugar available to begin loading immediately on the arrival of the ship at the loading port and

In making an ouster order excluding the husband from occupation of the matrimonial

home, the judge erred in delay-ing the effect of the order in the hope that the court in the meanwhile would determine the

right of occupancy of the house

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss) so held on Octuber

2 in allowing an appeal by the wife from Judge Starforth Hill. QC, who on August 15, in Southampton County Court,

as between the parties.

Dunsire v Dunsire

Ouster order error

condition of the contract?

Naxos presented for loading on May 29 but, despite repeated calls by the buyers and a warning given on May 27 that if loading did not commence on May 29 the sellers would be held in default, the sellers did not

the sellers setting out, inter alia, those facts, recording the sellers' failure to deliver, holding the sellers to be in default for not having provided the cargo and informing them that the buyers treated the contract as ter-minated. They further informed the sellers that they had pur-

claim for the difference between the contract price and the market price on June 3, together with a claim for loss of despatch which they alleged they would have earned had the Naxos not remained idle while waiting for a cargo from the sellers, was

The arbitrators were of the view that contracts, as in the instant case, were often con-cluded with a reasonably long period of delivery and at a price which pre-supposed the buyers' rights to call for delivery at any me having given reasonabl

That was a valuable option which the buyers would lose if the sellers were entitled to deliver whenever they were willing and able to do so providing it was within the delivery period. That would turn a buyers' option into a sellers option.

It was important that the buyers should have the right to call for delivery at any time. having given reasonable notice for the sugar called forward to be available to begin loading immediately on the arrival of the vessel at the loading port.
It was right to conclude that on its proper construction rule 14 imposed on the sellers an

The second question was whether that obligation was a condition of the contract. In Bunge Corporation, New York v Tradax Export 5.1, Panama ([1981] | WLR 711, 716), Lord Wilberforce, having stated that the courts should not be too ready to interpret contractual clauses as con-

ordered, *inter alia*, that the

husband vacate the matrimonial

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-

SLOSS said that if it was right to

make an ouster order, then the judge was bound by Chadda v Chadda ((1981) 11 Fam Law 142) and burke v Burke ([1987]

2 FLR 71) to make the order effective immediately and not

delay vacation of the house for longer than two or three weeks. It was wrong to make the ouster order as a sort of "long stop" if the right to occupy the house was not decided earlier.

home on October 30.

gave notice to the sellers for the parties as shown by the contract vessel Naxos to lift full contract so indicated, to hold that an obligation had the force of a quantity, e.t.a. Dunkirk May

On June 3, the buyers Telexed ed a replacement cargo at

FFr1,500 per tonne.
In due course the buyers' submitted to arbitration pursuant to rule 4 of the Rules of the

Refined Sugar Association.
The arbitrators found in fayour of the buyers both in relation to their claim for the difference between the contract price and the market price and their claim for loss of despatch.

express obligation of which they were in breach by June 3.

cases the courts should not be condition and that indeed they should usually do so in the case of time clauses in mercantile contracts: see also Halshury's Laws of England (4th edition (1974) vol 9, pp337-338, paras 481-482).

and rule 14 could properly be described as a time clause. It imposed an obligation to have able for loading at a definite point of time and as soon as the vessel presented herself ready to

load within the contract period.

The performance by the sellers of that obligation did not involve questions of degree as in Bremer Handelsgesellschaft mbH v Vanden Avenne-Izegem PVBA {[1978] 2 Lloyd's Rep

In Bentsen v Taylor, Sons & Co ([1893] 2 QB 274, 281) Lord Justice Bowen said: "There is no way of deciding that question except by looking at the contract in the light of the surrounding circumstances, and then making up one's mind whether the intention of the parties ... will best be carried out by treating

the promise as a warranty sounding only in damages or as a condition precedent by the failure to perform which the other party is relieved of his liability": see also Lord Justice Kerr in State Trading Corpora-tion of India Ltd v M. Golodetz Ltd ([1989] 2 Lloyd's Rep 277.

The arbitrators, in the present of the utmost importance and that under the rule the buyers were entitled to prompt delivery of a cargo so that the cargo would be available to fulfil onward commitments.

The arbitrators did not accept that payment of demurrage would adequate compensation for the buyers. They considered that the buyers had paid for a valuable option which they would lose if the sellers were entitled to deliver whenever they were willing and able to do so providing it was within the delivery period.

The evaluation by the experi-enced trade tribunal of the commercial significance of the rule was wholly justified. The rule was crucially important to the buyers since it removed the right that the absence or insufficiency of cargo would be a cause of delay. The rule tended to provide certainty which was such an indispensable ingredient of mercantile contracts.

Lord Bridge, Lord Oliver and Lord Jauncey agreed with Lord Solicitors: William A. Crump.

Southwark; Richards Butler.

Corrections

In R v Lambeth LBC, Ex parte Secretary of State for the Environment (The Times October 9) Mr Nigel Giffin appeared as junior counsel for Lambeth in the Court of Appeal, in place of Mr Alan Wilkie, who had appeared in the Divisional

In Practice Direction (Crown Court: Fraud Triuls) (The Times October 10) under the Midland and Oxford heading, Statford should replace Stratford. In In re Ready Mixed Con-crete (The Times October 15)

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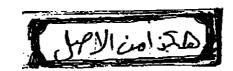
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The first of the commercially available Lyons C clarinets will roll off the production line this month at £129 — about half the cost of a traditional clarinet — in highly original cylindrical cases that can also be used as percussion

The new clarinet has been a long time in the making Mr Lyons first thought of it in 1978, but found little support for the idea from the manufacturers of musical instru-

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hen Graham Lyons Lyttelton, agreed to give him their

According to Mr Lyons, an experienced woodwind teacher, the average seven-year-old can hardly hold the standard clarinet. "As a teacher, I could see the painfully slow progress of many children who were held back by the physical, not musical, problems of the clarinet," he says.

The Lyons clarinet is in the key of C, rather than the conventional B-flat of the standard clarinet, and weighs less than a third of the conventional instrument. He says it is easier, and more encouragi to play. "It is also good for adult learners. In fact, it is good for ages seven to 11 and for people from 60 to 80," Mr Lyons says.

"The average seven-year-old will be able to get down to the lowest note on the new clarinet within a week and play over a range of two and a half octaves within two months. It would take two years to do that on a standard

Mr Lyons has his marketing eye



An incentive to persevere: woodwind teacher Graham Lyons found that the weight of the conventional clarinet hindered learning, which affected enthusiasm

on the 2.5 million schoolchildren who play the recorder and the 70,000 to 80,000 children who take up - and all too frequently put down - the standard clarinet

"I have been demonstrating the prototype of the C clarinet for a year and a half. Interest was slow to start with, but now is overwhelming. There has also been a

lot of interest from abroad," he

Teachers in nearly 40 education authorities have ordered the Lyons C. Critics of the new instrument say that it is not a "real" clarinet, mainly because of its lightness and plastic keys, but Mr Lyons challenges this view, as he does the criticism that there is a lack of suitable music for a C clarinet. "There is probably 30 times more music available to the child. C is like sea level - it is a standard. Anyone with a C in-strument can read any other C instrument part. Someone with a B-flat instrument is restricted. The C clarinet can also play B-flat clarinet music a tone up," he says. Others have argued that learn-

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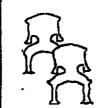
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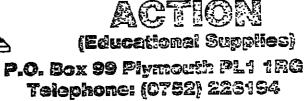




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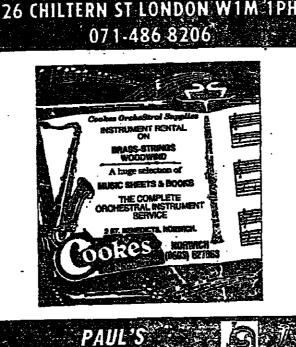
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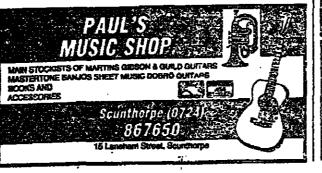
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Oakland A's are mortalised in the baseball park by the underdogs of Cincinnati

When the ossum played possum

Cincinnati
OSSUM. That was the word for the Oakland A's in the build-up to the World Series. A truly ossum ball club. The question was not whether they would win: they began the series as overwhelming favourites. The question was whether or not they would establish themselves as a die-

A die-nasty is a club that changes personnel and re-mains effortlessly dominant. Liverpool are a die-nasty: Liverpool are ossum, too.

The A's are making their third successive appearance in the World Series. The series is played on a first-to-sevenwins basis, and A's won 4-0 last year. Ossum. They reached the series this year by beating Boston 4-0. Ossum again: relentless, grinding,

They took on the Cincinnati Reds in the first game of the series on Tuesday night. A mismatch, obviously. Someone said that the A's represent Reds are a beer-and-shot. That over. translates as hunky, but not sophisticated enough.

The scoreline was 7-0. which was the sort of thing people had been predicting. Except that the victory went

Ah, you can travel the world, and see a thousand different sports, but some- and flourished. The A's were, seen just the same underdog challenge."

able. The top teams fear a bad A's established a threatening start: a momentary faltering of stride can germinate the seed of doubt. And then you are off fifth, they loaded the bases: a

SIMON BARNES

relishes sport can fail to enjoy. Everyone loves to see underdogs win: are we not all underdogs, after all?

The A's needed a start that would give a foothold to their arrogance, but Jose Rijo, pitching for the Reds, threw a venomous scoreless first inning. Well, not a problem: Rijo is a man the A's traded three years ago. The A's have pitchers better than he: nota-bly Dave Stewart, who pitched their first game. Stewart is as ossum as they come.

Stewart had his first batter caught in the outfield, then Hatcher drew a walk (an advance to first base awarded because of innaccurate pitching). Stewart struck out the next man. In came Eric Davis, injured and short on power. He walloped his first pitch out of the park for a two-run home run: it was one of those splendidly dramatic moments a martini with an olive. The that occurs in sport the world

> No hurrying, no scurrying. Davis dropped his head for a moment, discarded his bat, and then jogged easily around the bases. "I knew right away I had enough on it to get it out of the park," he said. "It was a low fastball."

times it seems that everywhere in a stroke, mortalised. you go is the same place. I "They're the champs," the have covered the same story Reds' manager, Lou Piniella, in South Korea and at Home said. "They will come out Park, Plymouth, and every- tomorrow with fire in their where in between, and have eyes. I hope we're ready for the

Underdogs generally need a good start, something to make the incredible seem believposition, but each time they failed to profit from it. In the

GAME ONE FACTS

Game One (at Cincinnati)

0 Runs 9 Hrts 7 10

PITCHING: Oakland: Stewart, Burns (5th inning), Nelson (5), Sanderson (7), Eckersley (8) and Steinbach; Cinchinati: Rijo, Dibble (8), Myers (9) and Oliver. Winning pitcher: Rijo (1-0 in senes); loser: Stewart (0-1). Home runs: Cinchinati: Davis (1).

That is the particular beauty of baseball: one second of time could change the course of the night and nullify two hours of sweat and inspiration. One second: and a matter of millimetres. In the contact of

round bat and round ball there is little margin for error. You cannot hit a jammy home run: the contact has to be be perfect. It has been claimed (mostly by baseball people, admittedly) that a perfect hit is the hardest feat of coordination in sport.

Well, that perfect connexion is exactly what Mark McGwire failed to make. With the Reds deep in trouble, and those four runs waiting to be belted in, he hit slightly beneath the ball and up it went, a routine catch, the sort that baseball players make with The Reds had been let off: "It was a slider, and honestly, it was not one of my best pitches of the night," Rijo said. "I had bad location, but I got away

It was, then, a night of archetypal sport: an underdog victory. They are happening all over the world, as I say but not quite in the same way. For example, all the players, managers and coaches wore an American flag patch on their uniforms, answering a request from the United Services Organisation to demonstrate their support for members of the armed forces in the Gulf.

"As much as anything in this great land of ours, base-ball is America." Admiral William J. Crowe Jr, USN (ret), said. "This patriotic gesture indicates throughout the world that the American people stand behind their

Marge Schott, the famously eccentric owner of the Reds, offered a pre-game prayerette for the boys "in the Far East". Her dog, the almost equally famous Schottzie, stood beside her. The simple emotions of sport are understood and enjoyed the world over. Sport can also be used to expose vast gulfs in understanding. A beautiful young serviceman sang The Star-Spangled Banner as gloriously as the young German sang his patriotic song in Cabaret. Schottzie

quarrel with the view that this is

an anomaly which ought to be

Sir. Of all the controversies that

surround the various types of

tie-break, surely the craziest of the lot must be the version

according to the organisers of the Dunhill Cup. Despite the

Japanese playing record of one, two halves and no defeats, they

A tie-break is fine in the event

for various other sourious rea-

sons degrades the proceedings to

side, however talented, will

make errors. Whilst the object is

2. With the advent of leagues.

to win, it is not so at all costs.

tours abroad by the four coun-

tries with international caps

being awarded, and other club

competitions, loyalties and the

time factor place a strain on

3. It is not within the province

of clubs to indulge in political "hot potatoes" such as the Romanian and South African

situations. It is the job of th

various rugby unions after full consultation and agreement. 4. Going back over the years, the annual fixture list comprised

six games; four at Easter in Wales and two against versus

Leicester and the East Mid

lands. A seventh was added at

the request of the Rugby Foot-ball Union when the expense of

an overseas touring side was unlikely to reach target. The

Easter tour to Wales was re-duced to two because many of

those chosen simply could not spare the five days involved.

no money, so it cannot indulge

in the first instance to be

invited, with the hosts guar-

6. The dismal future sug-

7. To say that once you have

stopped playing, you never hear from them is not true. Derek

Wyatt was invited and attended

I think it is a great pity when a

ighest honours the game can

player who has received the

bestow puts pen to paper criticising the administrators: in

this case, unpaid elected volun-

teers. There is an odour of

carping and whingeing.

RAIPH W. F. SAMPSON,

Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire.

Yours sincerely

gested will not happen if the Barbarians club remains exclu-

sive, which I'm sure it will,

the recent centenary dinner.

anteging the expense involved.

Yours faithfully.

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ian first choice.

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STEPHEN ACTON.

From L. Robertson



Bat-breaking work: McGwire, of the A's, finds a ball from Rijo too hot to handle

SPORTS LETTERS

Dunhill Cup played according to the rules

From Mr Stephen Acton
Sir, I watched the closing stages of the England v Japan Dunhill Cup semi-final on BBC television, at first with growing irritation as neither Peter Alliss nor Harry Carpenter spelt out the position with precision as Higashi were playing the 18th hole; then with astonishment when I appreciated this was because the commentators were not sufficiently aware of the rules; and finally with incredulity as I gradually realised what

those rules were. But, as the rules were set out in The Times (October 15), there can be no doubt whatso ever that, contrary to the view of your golf correspondent. Mitch-ell Platts, the tournament interpretation. Of the three clear that winning matches are awarded one point each, but there is a notable omission in those paragraphs to deal with

halved matches at all.

Welsh choice

Public safety From Douglas Stewart

Sir, I was interested to read your report (October 15) that the sports minister is to produce a set of draft planning guidelines to be brought into account when applications are being considered for creation of new golf

Whilst the thrust of your tion issues are the main aim of the guidelines, equally I think consideration has to be given to the safety of members of the iconardised by the obvious danger from flying golf balls.

I recently attended a meeting with representatives of the Departments of the Environ-ment and Transport who indicated that they were unaware of any guidelines about whether or not a particular course would example, to road users.

There is no lack of legal authority about the duty of care owed to members of the public who may be injured and in those circumstances I hope that if this present set of draft proposals does not cover this aspect criteria are announced recommending minimum distances for holes to be placed away from other members of the public including, in particular, road users. Personal safety is no less vital than environmental protection.

Yours faithfully. DOUGLAS STEWART. 63 Lincoln's Inn Fields,

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counted, with a result that Japan side is ahead after all three ought to have gone through 1-0. matches have completed 18 But the third paragraph then holes. 1, personally, would not deals specifically with what is to happen when a match is level after 18 holes, and that is that that match should be decided by sudden death. Clearly this paragraph must be read together pressly dealing with the earlier

But, even more clearly, the paragraph specifically provides that a sudden-death play-off shall take place "if players in any one, two or even all three games return equal scores (my

Where two (but not one or three) games are level ex still found themselves knokeed hypothesi the third game must out after a sudden-death playthe other, so that play-offs of the two drawn games are expressly called for notwithstanding that one team must be "one-up". That was precisely the position

It is, incidentally, the only Were the rule to end there, situation in which play-offs are one could only assume that required, which might affect the halved matches should be dis- result of the match, when one

From Mr S. Corbett Sir, The signing by Hull Rugby League Club of the Neath and Wales No. 8, Mark Jones, has brought the number of Welsh internationals moving from union to league to 14 in the last five years. This does not take into account other Welsh players below full international level

who have "gone north". With such talent now playing the league code, perhaps the time has come to consider the reintroduction of the Welsh international rugby league side. It was last tried in the early 1980s, when a triangular competition, also involving England and France, was played on a home-or-away basis; that is two matches for each country. There are only a limited number of opportunities to impress the Great Britain selectors above club level and such an international competition could usefully serve as international trials while rewarding players who may not play rugby for Great Britain. At the same time, such international rugby league could help to cement the image of the game in Wales while highlighting the opportunities available to players in Wales who are considering switching codes.

Yours faithfully, S. CORBETT. 62 Coverts Road. Claygate.

From Mr Raiph W. F. Sampson Sir, Derek Wyatt, in his article headed "Time for the Barbarians to reassess their role" (October 10) does a disservice to the president and his hardworking committee. As one who had the good fortune to play for the Barbarians on several occasions, including the captaincy, I think he has got it all wrong for the following reasons.

1. The game as played by the Barbanans is an open attacking game giving the ball as much air

fresh hope

From Ms Peggy S. Conley Sir, The Women's Professional Golf European Tour has been given a glimmer of hope through the appointment of Mickey Walker as captain of the Solheim Cup, the equivalent to the Ryder Cup which is to be held the week of November 16-

18 at Lake Nona, Florida, Few people have the talent, class and conviction to put themselves on the line for what they believe. Mickey has. She has little to gain by

accepting the captaincy of the British and European side that has a slim chance of beating the Americans. The task is So how can your reporter

(October 6) justify criticising Ms Walker for not planning to he in italy at the announcement of the Is the reporter unaware of Ms

Walker's responsibility to 750 members of the Warren Golf Club in Essex?

And that an abbreviated and uncelebrated announcement before two members of the press in a chaotic Italian press tent does not make a press conference?

I believe we readers under-

stand the meaning of priority even if your reporter doesn't, There are few in professional Walker, and, in the end, she did go to Italy. PEGGY S. CONLEY,

Flat 4. Norfolk House. 16 Elton Road, Clevedon. Near Bristol.

Free to run

From Rev Warren Greatrex Sir. There is an "official" answer to Miss Rogers and her teacher (Letters, October 11), Ben Johnson cheated, was

found out, admitted his share in promised not to cheat again paid the "official" penalty, and has been "officially" forgiven: he is free to compete honestly. But the paradox remains: if him (for example, if they "boo

5. The Barbarian RUFC has and harass him when he again competes) he may despair and in arranging new fixtures: it has be forced to give up running. On the other hand, if everyone forgives him wholeheartedly, other athletes may be led to take this as a sign that

"cheating is worth the penalty" and try to cheat also. There is no perfect solution. I hope that everyone will forgive a person who has promised to mend and has paid the prescribed penalty.

But I know that there will always be a need to monitor athletes, human nature being what it is.

Yours truly. REV WARREN GREATREX, The Highlands. Great Doward Symonds Yat. Herefordshire.

Walker offers Taking supporters seriously

(October 11) claims that the Football Trust appears to hold the view of football supporters in low esteem. Far from it the rust attaches great importance agreeing our initial policy guide-lines on grant aid for major projects, that questions of ground-sharing are for football its administrators, clubs and

supporters — to settle.

The Trust has no intention of attempting to dictate who shall share with whom: we simply make the point that if clubs way to respond to the requireground-sharing, the trust may be ble to take a more generous

We do take the opinions of the supporters seriously. We have provided financial support for the Football Supporters' Association's administration and for its successful work on ing the World Cup finals. We have representatives of the FSA and the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs on the panel of adjudicators for this year's Community Award Scheme for Football League

On matters of major policy, the Football League and the Football Association hold joint meetings with supporters' organisations. Since this prorides an ideal forum for the hand the views of the supporter. I was delighted to be able to accept an invitation from the League to represent the trust at Yours faithfully,

P. A. LEE. Secretary, The Football Trust 1990, Second Floor, Walkden House, 10 Melton Street, NW1. From Mr Martin Herrema Sir. Tom Pendry MP is to be applauded for his call for the

Rye solution

Sir. During the televising of the Dunhill Cup at St Andrews, a

Whatever next Turner Sir. the United States' obsession

From Mr P. A. Lee ordinary supporter to be Sir, Mr Tom Pendry's letter given a meaningful voice in the future of football Stadium

improvements should indeed equip the game for the next century and beyond, and it is vital that both bodies representto their views.Indeed, that is ing the views of supporters are why we made clear, when represented on the Football agreeing our initial policy guide- Trust 1990 and the Football Licensing Authority.

ously wants to take the views of ordinary supporters into ac all-seater grounds forced on the

recommendations, there is no and maintained terrace areas a football grounds are any less safe than scated areas. The Hillsborough disaster was caused by the fencing at the front of the terrace and crim-inally inadequate organisation not by the terracing itself. Indeed I would suggest that

every other Saturday commuting into London by train and tube. By all means, call for the voice of football supporters to be heard, Mr Pendry, but don't turn a deaf ear to the real message coming from the majority of ordinary supporters

Yours sincerely, MARTIN HERREMA. ló Plumberow, Lee Chapel North.

rights seems to have attained From P. J. A. Smith

commentator raised a point of general interest to golf clubs: should a bunker rake be left in the hazard or outside it? In either case, the rake, if left on the ground, is quite likely to stop or deflect the ball, and I would recommend the system which we adopted many years ago at Rye. A short length of pipe is buried vertically at the side of the bunker, the top being flush with the surface. The handle of the rake is then inserted in the pipe, so that it stands upright, and the risk of the ball striking it is reduced to the minimum,

Yours faithfully, PJA SMITH, 5 Victoria Street, New Romney, Kent.

From N. J. F. B. Samengo-

count, he should start by acknowledging that the vast majority although keen to see improved facilities, don't want

game. Thousands of supporters up and down the country know that the end of the traditional ter-races will mean higher admission charges, loss o atmosphere and restrictions or the freedom to enjoy a game with a large group of friends. Despite Lord Justice Taylor's

statistically, I am safer standing

Your party might even find there are more than a few votes to be won in opposing this rush to all-seat stadiums.

new levels of manifest sillines in the recently well-publicised case of the journalist, Lisa Olsen, ostensibly suffering sexual harassment whilst conduct

ing a post-match interview with

naked male football players in the locker room of the New

England Patriots.

What on earth next, one asks oneself? Imagine the stereotype image of the all-American sports journalist, cigarette hooked lamouth, battered homburg perched on the back of his head, attired in dirty floor-length trench coat, recently-licked pen cil hovering over a dog-cared reporters' pad ... eyes buiging at the imminent receipt of a postmatch report straight from the hot atmosphere of the shower of the University of California Los Angeles, ladies' netbal

Yours faithfully, N. SAMENGO-TURNER Colistool Cottage, with feminism and equal sex Newmarket, Suffolk,

Hallett concerned about failure against Foulds

MIKE Hallett saved Ian Doyle, really have to get my concentra-his manager, a job by giving thom going."

Foulds has now reached the down after a poor performance against Neal Foulds in the fifth round of the Rothmans Grand Prix, in which he was beaten 5-2. in Reading yesterday.

Hallett, the world No. 7. appears to be a first-half player. He was level at 2-2 by the interval but faded away thereafter, lacking, he said, not stamina but

Both Hallett and Foulds, once third in the world but now thirteenth, but rising fast and unbeaten in nine ranking tourimbeaten in nine ranking tout-nament matches this season, criticised the quality of the match but it had its moments. Foulds snatched the first frame on the black, Hallett swept home breaks of 96 and 41 to lead 2-1, but he missed the simplest of reds into a middle pocket in the fourth and Hallett cleared to pink with 65. After that it was no contest.

After that if was no contest. Foulds missed a few but Hallett simply could not take advan-

He mouned: "I just don't know what was the matter with ne ofter the interval. There was a lot of money at stake but I didn't seem to feel anything. It was a thoroughly un-

professional performance from me but Neal didn't play that well either and I would not expect to get that many chances in an amateur tournament. I

tion going."
Foulds has now reached the quarter-finals of the last four

ranking events, albeit that three

were last season, but has not reached a semi-final since 1987. "I started this season pro-

visionally ranked seventh in the world and I'd be delighted just to hold on to that position let

alone improve it," he said.
"I got a nice few ranking

points behind me and no pressure on me at all. Two years ago I would have lost a match like that but I got the winning habit

back again and Fm only one win off equalling my best ever run." Peter Francisco, of South Africa, ended the run of world

No. 95, Ken Owers, with a 5-1 victory but the scoreflattered

He ended the match with a

break of 104 but stole three of the first five frames on the black.

ROWING

Banks has flair for coaching business

By MIKE ROSEWELL

MARK Banks of Nottingham, and began rowing at 14 at has been appointed chief coach Hollingworth Lake, competing of the junior national team. The Amateur Rowing Association joint managing director of a had been interviewing can firm of financial consultants in Tarke and Consultants in Consul world championships in France, where he proved, for the third year running, his remarkable

Banks first appeared on the international scene in 1988 as coach to the Great Britain junior.

Therein lies the reason that coxless four, which included two members of the Nottingham and Union club, of which he was, and still is, captain. Against predictions, the light crew came through late in the world final to gain a bronze medal and "Banks's blitz" entered rowing

It was less necessary last year when his coxless four won gold by a remarkable 8sec. This year,

of the junior national team. The Amateur Rowing Association joint managing director of a had been interviewing candidates, domestic and foreign, for about four months. Banks did not apply until the post was readvertised after the junior "dovetail the two jobs" and that world championships in France, "experience in business helps with coaching." A habitual with coaching". A habitual interviewer for six companies.

Banks will be welcomed by junior rowing coaches through-out the country. He is successful and modest, with a sense of humour and, watching him debrief his world champion-ships' eight for over an hour after their semi-final in France,

He agreed that Bruce by a remarkable 8sec. This year, Grainger, his predecessor, had again against predictions, his set up a "good system", but he Great Britain eight, with five 17-year-olds on board, "blitzed" a parts of it", although "there will silver from the fancied United be no hats in the air". Looking at the present the present model to the control of the second recent medal tally of the

MOTOR RACING

returns

to Jaguar

By JOHN BLUNSDEN

DEREK Warwick is returning to the Silk Cut Jaguar team and

will lead its assault on the 1991

who has been leading the Came

Lotus Formula One team this

Warwick

coaching novices back in Great Britain junior squad, he Nottingham. ottingham, presumably has his priorities
Aged 32, Banks is unmarried right.

MOTOR RALLYING

Sainz slip a boost for Auriol

By a Correspondent

DIDIER Auriol, of France, took the lead in the San Remo rally in northern Italy for the first time world sportscar championship. Warwick, aged 36, from Jersey. yesterday, but with only a minute separating the leading three the struggle between Lancia and Toyota is far from season, will be taking over the seat vacated by Martin Brundle.

Auriol put Lancia back in who will be back in Formula front when Carlos Sainz, the overnight leader, rolled his One next year as No. 1 driver of the Brabham team. Foyota Celica. Fortunately the aniard, who needs only one with Tom Walkinshaw's Jaguar team in 1986 when he finished point to become world cham only one point behind the joint not seriously damage the car and lost only two places. world sports car champions. Derek Bell and Hans Stuck. He The Sainz incident, however hopes to emulate Brundle, who secured the title with Jaguar in

caused the retirement of this year's champion, Massimo Biasion, of Italy, Biasion skid-ded off the road in his Lancia while avoiding Sainz's over-turned car, and hit a tree. Malcolm Wilson, of Britain, in seventh place after setting the fastest time on the opening two gravel stages, also retired. He his a bank on the next test, immi-

a wheel against the bodywork of his works Ford Sierra. Gwyndaf Evans of Wales, has moved up to third place in the showroom class in his Ford Sierra, and Louise Attken-Walker transpired by the line Walker, twentieth overall in her Vauxhall Astra, is poised to win the Ladies Cup.

LEADING POSITIONS (after 35 stages): 1.
D Auriot (Fr), Lancia, 5fr 18min 18sec; 2, J
Kankkuren (Fin), Lancia, 5:18:34; 3, C
Sainz (Sp), Toyota, 5:18:14; 4, D Cerrato
(M, Lencia, 5:20:32; 5, A Florio (M, Lancia, 5:20:32; 5, A Schwarz (Ger), Toyota, 5:22-22.

Brabham last year. Warwick, who has signed a one-year contract, said yes-terday I am delighted to be joining the Jaguar team again. I believe that the car Ross Brawn is designing for the 1991 champ-ionship, is more than capable of winning races.

"It was a hard decision to leave Formula One," he said.
"But I'd rather be up front and winning in one championship

1988 before making a temporary

return to Formula One with

than languishing down at the back of the grid in another." FLORENCE: Alessandro Nannini, who is recovering in hospital here, still hopes to race again, his wife said (Reuter reports). Nannini's lower right arm was severed and his left arm

TODAY'S FIXTURES

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Carlsberg Classic SROOKER: Rotumens grand prix (Haxa-gon Theatre, Reading). SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screamsport 07.00-09.00 College football, 16.30-17.30 Galorade Creatence Cup: Hamburg v The Hague. 23.00-01.00 College football, Assentatic Semananae 17.30-20.00 Pagna. C. 100-1101 Conge recesses.

SASEBALL: Screenport 17.30-20.00
World Series: Highlights of second game.

BOXING: BSB 2100-22.00, 01.00 03.00
(tomorrow). Euroeport 11.00-12.00;
Screensport 14.00-15.30 From the Fo-

PISHENC: 858 18.30-19.00 Selmon fish-ing in the Pacific. ing in the Pacific.

FOOTBALL: BSB. 14.00-18.00 Repeat of yesterday's European championship matches: England v Potand. Scotland v Switzerland: European 23.30-01.00 Earopean championship highlights from yesterday. Screensport 20.00-21.00 Highlights from Argentina. 21.00-23.00 Highlights from Argentina. 21.00-23.00 Highlights from Spoks. Openune v Barce-

lone; Real Madnd v Logrofies.
GOLF: SSB 00:30-01:00 (tomorrow) US
PGA tour profile. Eurespect 18:00-19:00
Highlights from Austrian Open.
MOTOR SPORT: SSB 19:00-19:30. 20:30-23:30. Eurespect 19:00-19:30. Screen-aport 09:00-10:00 Formals 30:00 from Nopiro. 12:00-14:00 World Challenge from Tampe. 15:30-16:30 Manbore Challenge.

ange. NEWS: BSB 13.25-13.30, 18.00-18.90, 19.30-20.00, 22.00-22.30, 24.00-00.30 (to-morrown Scortsdesk, Euroeport 19.30morrow) Sportsdesk, Euroep 20.00, 01.00-01.30 (tomorrow) POLO: Etirosport 10.00-11.00 The Dutch RACING: C4 14,30-16,30 Coverage from Newmarket BS\$ 15,30-14,00 Yesterday's highlights. 23,30-24,00 Today's high-lights.

SNOOKER: BBC2 14.15-15.00. 16.00-17.20, 24.08-01.05 (tomorrow) Rothmans grand pric from Reading: quarter-finels. Screensport 10.00-12.00. Screensport (L.00-12.00).
TENNISE Eurosport (12.00-13.30 Yesterday's highlights from European Community chemptonships in Belgum, 13.30-18.00 Live coverage of Porsche tables or grand pick from Germany. 20.00-23.30 Live coverage of European Community chemptonships.

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Delil en liter

Rejuvenated Anshan ready to continue the good work to continue the stakes, Lockinge Stakes at Newbury their hope for next year Derby.

ANSHAN, who began this season by winning the Free. In the 2,000 Grineas An-Handicap over seven furlouss shan finished seven places and Handicap over seven furlongs at Newmarket in April, is now napped to capture the Jameson Irish Whiskey Challenge Stakes over the same course

and distance today.

That commendable first effort was followed by another in the 2,000 Guineas in which . he finished third behind Tirol and Machiavellian

A bad run in the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot Express in the Kiveton Park can be attributed to the fact. Stakes at Doncaster last that he had gone over the top month. On that occasion Call as the result of being asked to To Arms, another of today's tackle York's Dante Stakes runners was four length adrift over a distance that turned out in third place. to be too far.

to today's distance at Safawan would be hard to comer from Henry Cecil's Goodwood 13 days ago when beat if he was in the form that stable, who is already being he ran out a most convincing enabled him to win the spoken of in terms of being

By Mandarm

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Street by two lengths.

almost seven lengths in front of Rami, who reopposes him today, also fresh from a long break and a morale boosting easy win on his comeback at Warwick ten days ago. .

Well that I expect Rami to go here, it is arguable that the main threat to Anshan will be posed by the filly Sally Rous, who so nearly beat Green Line.

Earlier in the season, Sally After being given ample Rous had won the Jersey time in which to recover, Stakes over today's trip at Anshan was then brought back Royal Ascot.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

NEWWARKER

Selections

lost his way since, I much prefer Anshan, who is quite capable of making all the

rmaine. Well that his younger stable companion Great Design should go in the A R Dennis Bookmakers Nursery following that successful debut at Salisbury earlier this month, I just favour Fancy Me with Pat Eddery aboard.

This William Jarvis-trained filly was the subject of a successful gamble last time out at Newcastle where she easily accounted for another John Gosden-trained twoyear-old Knifebox.

When the runners for the EBF Chesterton Maiden Stakes appear in the paddock plenty of attention will be focused on Jendali, the new-

A son of the triple crown winner Nijinsky, Jendali is guaranteed to run well after a thorough preparation. But I just prefer Luca Cumani's Sharifahad, who gained what could easily turn out to be priceless experience when finishing a close fourth behind Environment Friend at the last meeting here.

Significantly, that race was run in a faster time than the other division in which Peking Opera, another fancied runner today, was beaten much more

easily by Sapicha.

Daring Times, who was a convincing winner of a handicap over seven furlongs during the last meeting, is taken to give a repeat performance in the Jeyes Handicap over the same trip.

Blinkered first time NEWNARICET: 2.0 Jameica Jos. 3.5 Northern Condustry, 4.10 Freak Total

Guide to our in-line racecard

Eddery on verge of double century after 97-1 treble

PAT Eddery is set to become the this time of year. It has gone well first Flat jockey to ride 200 today and I am pleased." winners in a season since Sir Gordon Richards in 1953

following a brilliant 97-1 treble

Saturday week. Corals offer 6-4 on (George Rae writes). at Redcar yesterday.

The champagne could be flowing at Newmarket this after-We take the view that Dayjur has plenty to over-come," Ladbrokes spokesman noon as the seven times champion jockey needs only two more wins to reach the double century mark. "I have got a couple of good rides on Anshan Mike Dillon said yesterday. "He has never raced around a bend and six furlongs on dirt can be and Fancy Me so who knows?"

The task facing Daujur was underlined by Geoffrey Gibbs, the Jockey Club's senior Flat handicapper, "Daujur is the best sprinter we've seen in Europe for some years, but races in the United States can develop into a five-umer at York last Wednesday. That put me close, Last week was good as I had nine real scrap. He'll be taking on winners. It can often slow up at tough and experienced horses who are used to bumping and

Golden Pheasant, one of the leading American repre-sentatives in the Breeders Cup turf, is lame and will miss the race, improving the prospects of a successful European challenge, led by the Prix de l'Arc de

Dayjur at 6-4 with

Ladbrokes

DAYJUR is 6-4 favourite with Ladbrokes to win the Breeders' Cup sprint at Belmont Park on

riomphe winner Saumarez. The final entries for all seven Broeders' Cup races will be announced next Wednesday.

Pedras. Eddery was consistently For a brief moment yesterday it looked as though Redcar furious. He eventually wireled nding his 200th winner. After winning on Sixofus and making wall of horses and burst clear.

turiong. He eventually wiggled light of a poor draw to score on Chiliboy. Eddery had a 100 per cent record from his first two Affirmation, well ridden by

Hills misses plum ride

The 200 target has been in the back of Eddery's mind for a month but he realised he was on the verge of it after recording a first time at Newmarket on Saturday, following a fall from Yankee Flyer in the Birches Bridge Handicap at Wolverhampton yesterday.

Hills, who was taken to the Royal Wolverhampton Hospital suffering from concussion, will be replaced by Lester Piggott on Surrealist in the Dewhurst Stakes tomorrow and will also miss riding Carol's Treasure in Washington on Sunday.

UTTOXETER

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Chief Mole. 2.45 Worthy Knight. 3.20 Rocktor. 3.50 Trusty Friend. 4.25 Off The Wall. 4.55 Pura Money. 5.25 Bright Sapphire.

Going: good (watered) 2.15 CHASE WINDOWS NOVICES HURDLE (£2360: 2m) (16 runners)

1 1224 HER OF EXCITESENT 22 (V.D.G) A Stringer 5-11-5

44 GMILAN 12 B Llewelyn 4-10-11 N Williamson V Astrey (7) HAZY DANCER 375F G Tramer 4-10-11 I Lawrence (3) 439- TOP VILLAIN 178F A Turnell 4-10-11 G MCCent 3- CEEP N' DANGEROUS 324 C Nash 4-10-6... P Power DOUBLE HANDFRL 100F J Roberts 4-10-6... P Dever 03- MARINERS SECRET 239 R Brazington 4-10-6 W TO Dissoon (7)

MEJARAY 775F D Genooto 4-10-6 W Humphreys 3 RISE OVER 19 K Whate 4-10-6 W man 7-4 Chief Mole. 3-1 Top Villam, 4-1 Nadied, 8-1 Dollar Seeker, 16-1 Herr Of Excrement, 12-1 others,

2.45 BRITISH COAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,654: 2m 4f) (8) 1 445- CENTRE ATTRACTION 239 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 11-11-101 O'Hara 2 CO-4 WORTHY KNIGHT 22 (D.F.G.S) B McLean 9-11-9 R Gently

3 /3 BRUNECO 12 (G.S) P Hobbs 8-11-4 CM March 4 55P SUPER EXPRESS 255 (G.S) D Barons 9-10-3 R Greeno 5 11/-3 JEZZAL 12 (F) C Broad 10-10-0 P McDermst 6 FP6 WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM 229 Miss H Kinght 7-10-0

G Uptor SSU- WILD ARGOSY 145 (CD,F,G,S) T Bit 11-10-0 J Railton POF- MANKATTAN BEACH 229 G Thorner 6-10-0 I Lawrence 7-4 Worthy Knight, 4-1 Jezail, 11-2 Centre Attraction 8-1 Brunico, 10-1 Super Express, 12-1 others. 3.20 BBC IN THE MIDLANDS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,276; 2m 4f) (16)

1 GJP SURLEY HILL BOY 12 (V) T Caldwell 5-10-12

O Corals report solid support for Geoffrey Wragg's Cesarewitch candidate. Pipiuna. and have cut her price from 10-1 to 7-1. Upton Park has also shortened from 40-1 to 25-1.

3.50 UNDERGEAR TERRA TIRE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,853: 3m 2l) (8)

1 112- CROSS MASTER 322 (F.C.S) T Bit 13-12-0 J Raition (3) 2 356- DERRY GOWAN 206 (F.C.S) G Thomas 8-11-12 3 /P- JACK OF CLUBS 385 (G.S) B McLean 18-11-3 4 62F- CAPELI CONE 217 (G,S) Mrs H Parrott 8-10-10

5 411- TRUSTY FRIEND 162 (G,S) J Edwards 6-10-9 N Williamson 6 3PP- OGENDEDA 255 (CD,S) P Basey 10-10-5... B Powell 7 244- TARTAN TEMPEST 177 (G,S) G Richards 7-10-5 B F4/ AMBER BLOSSOM 519 (8) Miss H hright 8-10-0 B Dowling

2-1 Trusty Friend. 7-2 Tartan Tempest. 9-2 Capes Cone. 6-1 Cross Master. 8-1 Ogendeba, 10-1 others. 4.25 ABACUS LIGHTING JUVENILE SELLING HURDLE (£1,744: 2m) (16)

1 PISP STRANGER STILL 26 (D.BF.F) B Stevens 10-11 1 P15P STRANGER STILL 26 (D.BF,F) B Stevens 10-11

2 3532 BARRICADE 6 (B) J Parkes 10-10 D Byrne

3 3058 DZET 15 K Wingrove 10-10 R Supple

4 34F LAFKADIO 6 M Chapman 10-10 R Supple

5 24R MY-UGLY-DUCKLING 34 K Vingrove 10-10 NORTHERN ROCKET 20F J Logn 10-10 R SUPPLE

6 NORTHERN ROCKET 20F J Logn 10-10 J Lower

7 43 OFF THE WALL 26 (Y) M Pips 10-10 J Lower

8 ROAST CHESWILT J Glove 10-10 J A Harris

10 AGE CF ROMANCE 119F J Brader 10-5 M Jones (5)

11 4 CORRISTHIAN GRIT 27F B Prece 10-5 R Stronge

12 GREETLAND GRIT 27F B Prece 10-5 S M Nones (5)

13 PREISER LADY 66 N Gaselee 10-5 M Jones (5)

14 SARAH CARTER 7F A James 10-5 E Tierney (7)

SONG CF GYNICRAR 52F M H Easterby 10-5 R Garrish

6-4 OTT THE WALL 3-1 Premer Lady -4 1 Corrithan Grit,

6-4 Off The Wall, 3-1 Premier Lady, 4-1 Committee Gal, 6-1 Barricade, 10-1 Tristan's Comet, 12-1 others. 4.55 COMPUTER DISASTER RECOVERY HANDI-CAP CHASE (£2,542: 2m) (5) 1 1-12 BROAD BEAM 12 (CD,BF,F,G,S) P Hobbs 10-11-10 C Naude (5)

2 223- ROYAL CRACKER 354 (V.CD.F.G.S) T Bull 5-11-20
3 -112 PURA MONEY 5 (C.D.8F.F.G.S) G Richards 8-11-1 4 P-F3 CORKED 12 (D.F.G.S) Mrs E Hearth 11-10-9 D Geller 5 31P- ST WILLIAM 274 (D.F.G.S) R Hodges 13-10-0

13-8 Pura Money, 9-4 Broad Beam, 4-1 Corked, 6-1 Royal cker, 12-1 St William. 5.25 WINTERTONS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,458)

J Osburne 4 314U PALM HOUSE 12 (F.G.S) G Richards 5-11-2 G McCourt 4 3140 PALM MOUSE 12 (F.G.S) G HICHARDS 5-11-2 G MICCOMP 5 421- LAPIAFFE 150 (D.F.G) R Hodges 6-11-2 I Lawrence (3) 6 530- MUBAARIS 218 (F.G.S) B Richmond 7-11-1 S Woods 7 1213 BRIGHT SAPPHRE 8 (C.P.) D Burneth 4-10-2 D Tegg 8 053- CNOC AN OIR 212 C Broad 6-10-0 R Beltamy (5) 9 020- SMOOTH START 180 (F) A James 5-10-0 E Tiermey (7) 10 35 EASY KIN 715 (B.F.) R Peacock 8-10-0 S Turnet 11-4 Paco's Boy, 5-1 Lapratte, 6-1 Cnoc An Or, 7-1 Pain House, 8-1 Muteans, 9-1 Soure Jim, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: P Saley, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33 3%; M H Easteroy, 5 from 18, 27 8%; M Pipe, 15 from 59, 27 1%; N Gaselee, 4 from 15, 26 7%; O Sherwood, 4 from 18, 22.2%; D Burchell, 11 from 51, 21.6%. JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 5 winners from 12 rides, 41 7%; D Byrne, 5 from 16, 31 3%; J Lower, 4 from 16, 25,0% G McCourt, 13 from 61, 21 3%; L Wyer, 4 from 19, 21,1%; N Doughty, 5 from 32, 15,6%.

M Alston (7)

HEXHAM

Selections

2.15 Alistairs Girl. 2.45 Young Muzzy. 3.15 Ambergate. 3.45 Whitwood. 4.15 Confident Vote. 4.45 Belfort Prince.

Going: good to rim

2.15 PERCY BEWICKE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,259: 2m) (7 runners)

J C'Gormen (3) 7 -334 YAMANOUCHI 19 D Moffent 6-11-1 ... D J Moffent (7) 3-1 Sruff Academy, Tina's Bing. 4-1 Direct Interest, Yama nouchi, 7-1 Ground Master, 10-1 Impage, 14-1 Aksteirs Girl. 2.45 OAKWOOD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELL-ING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,534: 2m) (5)

1 3114 PENLLYNE'S PRIDE 9 (D.F.G) R Juckes 9-11-10 A Juckes
2 \$22/ TREYARNON 500F (D,S) P Montaith 8-11-0
3 CoRegion (3)
4 6-52 YOUNG MIZZY 15 F Jordan 7-10-3 J Lodder
5 -400 MIGHTY SUPREMO 5 T Cuttbert 9-10-0

4-6 Penilyne's Pride, 4-1 Young Muzzy, 13-2 Lucky Lena, 7-1 Mighty Supreno, 10-1 Treyarnon. 3.15 SANDEMAN PORT HANDICAP CHASE

1 P-51 RAISABILLION 19 (CD.F.Q.S) M Hammond 8-12-0 2 11-P BLUE RAVINE 12 (CD.F) R Lamb 11-11-5 Mr S Bei (7) 3 133- LINGHAM BRIDE 168 (CD.F.G.S) J Swees 8-11-4 4 2-31 AMBERGATE 13 (CD.F.S) W A Stephenson 9-11-0 5 69-4 INTO THE INTSTIC 21 (B,CO,F,S) B MicLean 8-10-13

6 4522 BOTHAM 13 (F) J Oliver 10-10-1 Storry
6 7 P/2- BURNDITCH BOY 219 (D.5) R PERT 11-10-1 Red
8 003- HODDAK ERIG 166 (C.F) D Scoti 11-10-0 Res J Thurlow 11-4 Ambergate, 100-30 Reissbillion, 5-1 Bottem, 7-1 Blue Ravine, Lingham Bride, 10-1 Burndach Boy, 12-1 others.

3.45 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2.014: 1 00-1 WHTWOOD 5 (G) C Bell 5-11-5 2 -058 ROSENIP 6 W A Stephenson 5-11-0 3 51-1 DOCTOR SYNTAX 17 (CC.F) E Alston 4-10-13 1-2 Whawood, 4-1 Lingham Magic, 7-1 Doctor Syntax, 14-1 Rosetup, 33-1 others. 4.15 BLAYNEYS NOVICES CHASE (£2,065: 3m) 1 33-3 ACROSS THE LAKE 17 (BF.S) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-0 2 3423 CONTACT KELVIN 5 (G,S) N Bycroft 5-13-0. R Marley 3 5PP- EASTERN MENSTREL 175 W A Stephenson 3-1-0. C Grant 4 0/5 JUNESDCO 16 W Harrison 8-11-0 F Murtisch (7)
5 OWD HENRY C Thormton 7-11-0 Mr. N Harrison (6)
6 /P-U RARE FIRE 6 J Parkes 6-11-0 N Smith (5)
7 64-4 SLAVE TIME 12 J Johnson 6-11-0 N Smith (5)
8 /S-3 DARK JESTER 19 IA Harrison 6-10-11 Storey
9 J222 CONFESENT VOTE 15 Mrs G Reveley 6-10-9 P Nivest
10 2-44 SISTER SAM 12 R Bart 10-10-9 4-5 Across The Lake, 5-1 Confident Vote, 6-1 Owd Henry, 8-1 Dark Jesser, 10-1 Contact Kelvin, 15-1 others. 4.45 DEVILSWATER NOVICES HURDLE (£1,360:

| 1 | BELFORT PRINCE 22 (D.G) G Moore 11-3 | M Dwyer 2 | 8316 SEVEN SONS 21 (D.G) W G M Turner 11-3 | D Noise 3 | AL FROLIC 38F P Monreth 10-10 | D Noise 4 | C Grant 10-10 | 4-6 Bettort Prince, 5-1 Leven Baby, 15-2 Sid Barani, 8-1 Al Frote, Kristenbosch, 14-1 Seven Sons, 25-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Hammond, 3 witners from 5 numers, 60 0%; G Moore, 25 from 73, 34.2° at 3 witners, 3 from 15, 20.3° at W A Stephenson, 51 from 279, 18.3° at P Monteth, 10 from 55, 17.9° at Denys Smith, 9 from 61, 14.8° at verys amin. s mom 61, 14.8%. JOCKEYS: J Cataghan, Swinners from 20 rides, 25.0%; C Grant. 45 from 187, 24.1%. M Dwyer, 12 from 58, 20.7%. D Notan, 10 from 54, 18.5%; R Martey, 6 from 36, 16.7%; P Niven, 11 from 82, 13.4%.

The Lambourn trainer John Hills saddles his first runner in the United States on Sunday when Carol's Treasure attempts to end his racing career on a high note in the Laurel Dash.

2.30 (1m 2) 1. Affirmation (J Williams, 5-1); 2, Rio Piedras (B-1); 3. Brigadier Ball (33-1); 4. Flight Fentasy (33-1). Mass Reisun 9-2 fav. 18 ran. 1'-1, nk., nk. J Hills. Tota. 15.90; 21.80, 52.20, 53.80, 57.10. DF: 554.90. CSF: £46.69. Treast: £1,145.32.

DF: 172.10. CSF: 140.75. \$.0 (6) 1, fillusory (Pat Eddery, 7-4); 2. Drum Sergeant: (3-8 fav); 3, Auroreum (50-1), 8 ran. Hd. 21. R Charlton. Tote: 23.50; 52.30, £1.10, £5.70. DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.85. lacepot: £2,155.40.

Wolverhampton Going: good to firm

1.30 (Im 10) 1, Priceless Bond (W R Semburn, 4-5 fay), 2, Seal Indigo (5-2); 3, Shemai (8-1) 5 ran, NR: Speco Cencer, 1-1, 7, M Stoute Totes: £1.40, £1.10, £1.60, DF: £1.60, CSF £2.94,

Cheltenham

Deing: firm

2.0 (2m 4f hdis) 1, Nuns Jewel (I, Harvey, 7-4) 2, Komtselu (4-7 fav); 3, The Lidge (2m 4f hdis) 1, Nuns Jewel (I, Harvey, 7-4) 2, Komtselu (4-7 fav); 3, The Lidge (2m 4f-0-1) 4 fav); 3, The Lidge (2m 4f-0-1) 4 fav); 3, The Lidge (2m 4f-0-1) 4 fav); 2, Thucket (2m 4f-0-1) 4 fav); 3, Thucket (2m 4f-0-1) 4 fav); 2, Thucket (2m 4f-0-1) 4 fav); 3, Thucket (2m 4f-0-1) 4 fav); 3, Thucket (2m 4f-0-1) 4 fav); 2, Colomet Long (5-1); 3, Thucket (2m 4f-0-1) 4 fav); 2, Colomet (5-1); 3, Thucket (2m 4f-0-1) 4 fav); 2, Colomet (5-1); 3, Thucket (2m 4f-0-1) 4 fav); 2, Colomet (5-1); 3, Thucket (5-1); 3, Thuc 2.10 DF: F8.00. CSF: £10.78.

Tuesday's meeting at Chepstow was £890.80 to a £1 stake, and not as previously stated.

1.10, £1.90. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.05.

2.45 (2m 41 ch) 1. Species 1.20; 5.10, £1.90. DP: £2.30. LSP: £3.60. 3.45 (2m 4t h. 1., Stupping Tim (P Scudamore, 5-4 lav), 2, Dude (11-8): 3, Tran-An-Bherr (4-1), 3 ran, 3 vi. 15 At Pape. Ton: £1.90. DP: £1.70 CSF: £3.00. After Stewards enquiry the result stood
4.20 (2m cn) 1, Deep Dark Dawn (R
Supple, 11-5), 2, Running Sands (8-13
lav), 2 ran. 4L J Upson. Tota. £2.00

4.55 2m 4f hotel 1, La Clenage (J Frost. 10-11 favl. 2. Algamateure (5-2). 3. Will's Bourth (13-2). 5 ran NR. Welsh Manson. 3G. 15. G. Balding, Total: £1.90: £1.20. £1.80 DF £2.40. CSF: £3.43. Jackpot £171.50 Placepok £47.60

Wetherby

DF: £1.60 CSF: £2.94.

2.0 (fm 4f 100yd) 1, Straffa Legacy (J. Fortuna, 33-1); 2, Cockad Hat Gal (B-1); 3.

Servide Way (11-8 tev), 12 ran. Sh bd. 15); 1

D Arbumnot Tota: £18.50; £3.70, £2.50, £1.10, DF: £22.00; CSF: £256.55 Tricast: £560.78; No bdd.

2.30 (50) 1, Banbury Flyer (W. R. Semnourn, 12-1); 2, Watsn Secret (26-1), 3.

Party Treat (11-4 fev), 15 ran. Hd. sh hd. Mrs. 4 King. Tota: £1.90; £1.20; £1.60, £1.40, DF: £1.00; £7.80, CSF: £2.70; £18.50, £1.40, DF: £1.00; £7.80, CSF: £2.50; £1.60, £1.40, DF: £7.80, CSF: £28.50; Going: firm
2.15 (2m 4) note) 1, Break The Chain (C. Grant. 10-11 tayl. 2. Geastly Hill (3-4), 3. Trangul Waters (5-1) 4 ran, 4, 2l. W. A. Stephenson Total 21.90; \$1.20, \$1.50, DF: £1.80 CSF: £3.88.

Recical results

Going good to firm

2.9 (6f) 1, Sixoftes (Pat Eddery, 11-2); 2, Fenton Lake (14-1); 3, Eternal Flame (7-2). Mate Care 6-4 fav. 10 ran. 11, 31, B Boss. Tots: £1.70, £2.50, £1.50. DF; £4.30 (SF; £6.65)

2.30 (Im 3); 1, Victorious Prince (1, 3), Ramon Leep (6-1); 1, Highland Bodder 3-1 tav 11, 41, M Prescott, Tons: £12, 10; £2.50, £1.50. SF. 16.60, £2.60, E2.80, E2.50, E3.50, E 220, 113, 343, br. £21,91, CS-55,65, 4,15 (2m S0yd ch) 1, Choice Challenge (L. Wyer, 21-20); 2, Almosh Setzri (12-1), Strong Approach Evens tov. 3 ran (Only 2 finished) 151. M Hammond. Tote. £150, DF: £2 80, CSF: £5 60 4.45 (2m 4f 100yd ch) 1, Cid Applejack (T Fieed, 5-2); 2, High Edge Grey (11-2); 3, Gares Cwm (33-1) Castlevennon 5-4 tav. 5 ran. NR: Hardy Trock. 31, 11, J. Johnson. Tote. £3.30; £1.60; £2.10, DF: £6.10, CSF: £13.34. 5.15 (2m fiet) 1, Going On (B. McGrif, Evens fav.); 2, Columel Lord (8-1); 3, Poppadom (33-1), B ran. 21, £1, J. Johnson. Tote. £2.30; £1.20, £1.40, £3.00. DR: £16.20, CSF; 59.24.



2.00 Karim's Kid. 2.35 Murango. 3.05 Fancy Me. 3.40 ANSHAN (nap). 3.05 Great Design. 3.40 Sally Rous. 4.10 Makeshift. 4.10 Daring Times. 4.45 Sharifabed. 4.45 PEKING OPERA (nap). By Michael Seely 3.05 Desert Splendour. 4.10 Daring Times. 4.45 JENDALI (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating 3.05 DESERT SPLENDOUR. Going: good to Tirm

2.0 BUCKENHAM SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: 25,439: 6f) (19 runners) 2.0 BUCKENHAM SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: 25,439: 6f) (19 runners)

101 (1) 201024 KARIM'S KID 38 (0) (M Sericis) R Boss 9-2 M Roberts
102 (2) 47445 LUCKY MANLEY 45 (F) (D Shelt) J Berry 9-2 J Carroll
103 (9) 54204 ABRAIGHA 28 (M Jeckson) N Thinker 8-11 L Priggott
104 (19) CARROLLS MARC (L Carroll) M Tompidins 8-11 R Cochange
105 (11) CS CONSTRUCTIVE 10 (Constructive Interings) D Morris 8-11 Deen McKeown
106 (17) 242200 HDDGEN BAY 15 (Min M Clarit) W Hagges 8-11 Deen McKeown
108 (17) 242200 HDDGEN BAY 15 (Min M Clarit) W Hagges 8-11 J Williams
109 (4) 835533 JET PET 24 (J Griffers) D Thom 8-11 G Dethield
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Selection: BERILLON 3.05 A R DENNIS BOOKMAKERS NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £12,720: 7f) (18 runners) \$12,720: 75) (18 FLIRINGES)

301 (5) 422153 STEAM AREAD 12 (G) (Mrs S Rudolf) J Watts 9-7 ______ Dega McKeown 85
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303 (16) 429110 GREEN'S PORTRAIT 13 (DLF) (R Green Fine Pethings) R Alabrusti 9-4 R Coctarous 90
305 (14) 1 GREAT DESIGN 15 (DLG) (R Thompson) J Goedan 9-4 _____ S Cauthen 85
305 (16) 501 FAMCY ME 16 (G) (H Stectarous) W Jamie 9-2 _____ Pet Eddery 85
306 (6) 552254 NORTHERN CONCUEROR 7 (V) (Winning Post Racing Lid) C Allen 9-2 F Morton (7) 92
307 (8) 421300 PORT VAUBAN 13 (DLF) (A F Budge Equine Ltd) R Hannon 9-0. B Raymond 94
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310 (12) 4150 SIR BANCROFT 48 (BFLF) (D Price) H Cofingridge 9-12 ______ J Guine 85
311 (7) 5520 MASSES SHARPJ 31 (P Winfield) R Hannon 8-6 ______ W Carnon -85
312 (11) 322253 AFFORDABLE 9 (Mas M Kalaji) W Carter 8-8 ______ G Carter 92
213 (1) 515501 ADDIOUS TRIESS 9 (DLF,G) (F Kala) N Callighan 8-7 (Fort) W Newmos 90
314 (15) 404402 SIRLES ANEAD 9 (C Barber-Lomes) J Hamenton 8-6 ______ M Carlier 8-1
315 (17) 01530 NAL HARN 40 (F) (C Hoghes) C Well 8-5 ______ M Carlier 8-1
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319 (9) 505440 CORPORATE TYPE 13 (Mrs B Facchino) J Sustifite 7-10 ______ D Holland (5) 92
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	(6)	JENDALI (Sneikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0
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	(8)	THE CUCKOO'S NEST (Kings Bloodstock Ltd) C Brittain 9-0 W Ryen -
	(13)	TORCHON (Sir Robin McAlpine) G Wregg 9-0
	`ळ	VALATCH (D Eccleston) Per Mechell 9-0 Ron Hilles (3)
	(11)	GYPSY QUEEN (M Partish) B Harbury 8-9
	(9)	6 LYDIA MARIA (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 8-9 T Waterins
	(2)	D NORTH WIND (Princess Michael of Kent) B Halls 8-9
	Ella	k 11-4 Jandell, 3-1 Sharifebad, 9-2 Peking Opers, 6-1 Bosambo, 6-1 Torchon, 10-1 Deposit
2-11		Nightmare, North Wind, 14-1 Gypsy Queen, 16-1 others.
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Course specialists



● John Reid is unlikely to be fit in time to ride Royal Academy in the Breeders' Cup Mile at Belmont Park on Saturday week. Reid broke his collarbone after being thrown by Whippet before the start of the Prix de L'Abbaye at possible substitute.

Longchamp on Arc day. Vincent O'Brien's stable jockey admitted: "It's not looking good for the Royal Academy ride. It could take at least two weeks."

Lester Piggott has been mooted as a possible substitute.

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2.30 WATCHET NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,590: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

BETTING: 11-4 Channor. 100-30 Kata's Princess, 5-1 Grey Sonata, 7-1 Bodarnist. 8-1 Merandi Special, 12-1 Sweeney Todd, 14-1 offices.

1989: PLUM TREE 10-2 J Lower (11-4) M Pipe 8 ren 3.0 LANSDOWNE CHEMICAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,716: 2m 110yd) (4 runners) 1 11-1134 BOARDMANS STYLE 16 (CD,F,G,S) (A Wells) M Pipe 12-11-10 2 9130/24- DEEP REGGE 414 (CD,F,S) (Mrs B Roberts) R Hodges 12-10-0 3 P/635P/ BRITANGICUS 749 (CD,F,G) (N Thomson N Thomson 14-10-0 45-3831 RONOCCO 9 (D,F) (Mrs S Williams) Mrs S Williams 8-10-0 Long handicap: Deep Ridge 9-7, Britannicus 8-12, Ronocco 8-9.

BETTING: 1-2 Boardmans Solet, 7-2 Ronocco, 5-1 Deep Ridge, 12-1 Britannicus.

1989: GREY TORNADO 8-11-0 B Powell (2-1) C Popham 4 ran 3.30 TIVERTON NOVICES HURDLE (£1,590: 3m) (8 runners) BETTING: 15-8 Cannon Heeth, 100-30 Cairnoastis, 5-1 Cold Marble, 6-1 Go-Go-Sam, 6-1 Orangey, 10-1 Acrow Line, 14-1 others.

1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

1989: BY LINE 5-11-10 K Mooney (5-6 tav) F Walwyn 3 ran

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Selections By Mandarin

1.30 DONYATT NOVICES MURDLE (£1,766; 2m 110y0) (10 runners)

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2. CUT UP ROUGH 35F (M Hookway) J Baker 8-10-10 W McFartand

3. FPPFSU- MANCHESTERSKYTRAIN 3TF (P Bowdich) 8 Marsan 11-10-10 Mr S Birrough (7)

4. P. NOTTAGE 9 PER SCUIAMOR RECING PIC) M Pipe 4-10-10 D Richmond (7)

5. PAREL LONG 8 (Mr Y Gillestie) R Marsan 4-10-10 D Cooney (7)

6. SPITTER JUBILEE 122F (Mr P Burke) R Hooges 4-10-10 A Tory (3)

6. SPITTER JUBILEE 122F (Mr J Budd) Mr C Budd 4-10-5 MON-RUNNER

6. CURRAINT CFFER 273 (Mr J Budd) Mr C Budd 4-10-5 MON-RUNNER

7. PRE-PD PALM SRIFT 7 (P Ley) A Chombertain 4-10-5 Lorna Vincent & 200RH 30NA 28 (R Derive) R Front 4-10-5 C Hopwood

7. RETURE: 9-4 Besucadeau 3-1 Patro Swift, 9-2 Cut Up Rough, 6-1 Marchesterskytrain, 10-1 Swift

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1530: DISNEYLAND 5-11-7 M Pitmen (6-1) Mrs J Pitman 5 ran

2.0 ISEFLO ICOINE CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES CHASE (\$2,017: 3m) (4 runners)

SCIO-SE PATURICUS DE SA ANGEOMANOS. 5-1 Filizino, 10-1 Paddy's Dream.
DETTINGS 5-4 PRICESON SAN OVAC 6-11-7 P Scudamore (6-5 tay) C Brooks 5 ran

1 30-35 ANDROMANOS 330 (Nos S Williams) Mrs S Williams 8-11-7 A Tory (3)
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3 TSP FLETTINS 50: 3 Ros G Ros 9-11-2 N Harrier (3)
5 S28-36 PATCHOULTS PET 15 (F) (6 Parter) F Yardey 7-11-2 A Municipal

1.30 Spitfire Jubilee. 2.00 Patchouli's Pct.

2 30 Kala's Princess.

Going: firm (good to firm patches)

1.30 DONYATT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,786; 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

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3.00 Boardmans Style.

3.30 Cannon Heath. 4.00 In-Keeping.

4.0 RESORCINOL HANDICAP HURDLE (E2,406: 2m 3f) (8 runners) 1 21001-0 IN-KEEPING 12 (F.5) (Mrs H Read) M Pipe 4-12-0 R Mocreice (7) 90
2 6/16 BEN ZABEEDY 15 (F) (Mrs A Satamen) J Thomas 5-10-12 Loria Vincent 93
3 21- SEAN DREAMS 338 (G) (Mrs N Herper) M Muggandge 5-10-11 W styles 95
4 274-224 SOLSTICE BELL 16 (B.F) (J Way) R Voorspuy 8-10-5 BI (Masse 9-5)
5 3500-45 (GRACE MOORE 15 (F) (A Raison) K Bishop 5-10-4 SEAN 95
6 13519-5 SANLEY MOW 164 (F) (Pres and Design Ltd.) J Whits 4-10-3 D Skyrme (3) 93
7 55122-2 DESERT PALM 12 (C.F) (C Wells) R Hodges 5-10-0 A Tory (3) 95
8 0000/5 SON OF NOR 8 (B.F.S) (Mrs R Plummer) J Elicin 8-10-0 R Gasset Long hemdices: Desert Paim 9-12, Son Of Nor 8-13.

BETTING: 9-4 in-Kasping, 100-30 Scissoe Bell, 4-1 Ben Zebeedy, 6-1 Bean Dreams, 8-1 Desert Paim, 1 Grace Moore, 12-1 otners.

Off on the wings of prayer that force is still with Gooch

which he had never hitherto

betrayed, is as crucial to England's prospects in the

coming four months as

Gooch's other suit, with the

Gooch has enjoyed a peer-

less summer, batting with a

disdainful authority which

visits only the great players.

England must pray that the

force is still with him this

winter. Only if Gooch is at his

peak can they hope to outscore

the most powerful batting side

Such is the strength of

Australian run-making that,

initially at least, there will be

no room for Tom Moody and

Mark Waugh, who averaged

89 and 76 respectively for

their counties this summer. Nor can there be an automatic place for a young man who, in

the winter's first burst of

propaganda, has been labelled

one is being forced to pretend

he is a new Ian Botham. Over

recent years it has been a

recipe for disappointment and

disillusionment and the same

might apply to Australia's

flavour of the month, Darren

Lehmann, who is an incon-

left-handed version of Bradman. He is, however, prodigiously gifted at the age

of 20 and, having ruffled

feathers by transferring from

South Australia to Victoria, he

will be a leading figure on this

England's players have

probably never seen Leh-

mann. This morning they

have more pressing things on

their minds. At a botel near

Heathrow airport they will

each autograph upwards of 200 bats, receive uniform

hand-outs of everything from

blazers to sun-glasses, pose for

dozens of cameras and listen

to a final management briefing

on matters of conduct, deport-

ment and diplomacy. Come

the weekend, in Western

Australia, they can begin

thinking seriously about

gruously stockier, cockier and

he new Don Bradman. One of the virtues of the England side is that, at last, no

in the world.

since we last held our patriotic which has begun conspicubreath as Terry Alderman hypnotised Graham Gooch (it England, boasting 16 players and a good deal more confidence than when the Ashes were last at stake, fly to Perth this evening and the first of five Test matches with Australia is only five weeks' distant.

Buoyed by a near thing in the Caribbean and the rarity of two home wins this summer. the nation expects. This, history dictates, may be dangerous. Four years ago, Mike Gatting's touring side was widely derided on the approach to the series, which team deflating the bubbling youngsters during orienteernew world of Ted Dexter and ing training at Lilleshall last David Gower. England lost 4-

England and Australia are on equal and most intriguing perform not only to their best. Ashes series for many a year. but sometimes above them-This is indicated by the tra-selves. This gift of leadership,

IT MAY seem no time at all ditional verbal sparring, ously cautiously.

Bob Simpson, the Austrais, indeed, barely a year) but lian coach whose job was cricket's most compulsive probably secured by the 1989 viewing is with us again. win in England, has made the strongest pitch, saying that during his summer with Leicestershire he has "seen nothing to make me think the result will be any different this

> Micky Stewart, the England team manager, whose job was undoubtedly saved by the heroics in the West Indies. confines himself to a modest wish: "I will be disappointed if we don't do better against them than we did last year."

Gooch would probably not some declared a mismatch. go quite that far. "We'll all be tengland won 2-1. Then, in doing our best," was as much 1989, few in England counte- as the 37-year-old England nanced the thought of an captain was prepared to venordinary-looking Australian ture while showing up the

There are, however, hidden On the face of it, however, depths to that trite remark; for Gooch, in his apparently humupward curve, at least drum way, somehow succeeds hinting at one of the most in making those under him

Australia expect a stronger England SYDNEY (Reuter) - England

will find an Australian team confident but not complacent. England last year. Allan Border, the captain of

Australia, said at a recent training camp: "Forget about 4-0, They're here to avenge all that. But that's good. We want to beat them at their best, we want a really hard-fought series and we want to win a good contest."

Border and Steve Waugh will

be rested after a winter break and Mark Waugh and Tom Moody will be raring to prove themselves after prolific sum-mers in England. "England are a different side and they're going to be a lot stronger this time around." said Steve Waugh.

Despite the excellent form of younger players, including Darren Lehmann, the Victoria batsman, Border said: "At the moment, I would be loath to drop a guy who didn't have a good start to the season." Australia's fast bowling attack

will again rely on Terry Alderman. Mery Hughes, Geoff Lawson and Carl Rackemann, but they may face competition from Bruce Reid and Craig McDermon. Border is keen to lure Trevor Hohns, the leg spinner, out of

international retirement. But Greg Matthews, the New South Wales all-rounder, has also carned his approval. Peter Tavlor, the off spinner, may contest

Roddan helps sprinter's quest to slay the dragon



debt to his coach hristie repays a Johnson the dragon. Christie's task

By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

ONE good turn deserves another and Linford Christie has finally settled a nine-year debt to his coach, Ron Roddan put pen to paper in 1981 to

tell Christie that either he should knuckle down to training or forget sprinting. This summer it has been the turn of Christie's pen to carry influence. Roddan had been overlooked for a national coaching award and Christie's letter, seeking his nomination, led to Roddan becoming the thirteenth recipient of a £500 Post Office Counters coaching grant.

"Back in 1981 Linford had gone

missing from training for a month, so I wrote to him and told him either to get back straight away or not to bother coming back," Roddan said. Christie knew he was in the wrong. "My trouble was that I would arrive halfway through a training session and stop if it got hard," he said. "Then I would disappear for the winter because it was cold." Christie has no doubt that he would not be where he is today - 100 metres European champion and record

holder - without Roddan. "He is a great coach," Christie said. "I have been the best in Europe for four years, so there is no doubt he has to be the best coach." Christie was concerned that other sprint coaches had been recognised, but not Roddan.

"People look at the John Isaacs group (which includes John Regis, Marcus Adam and Tony Jarrett] but my record is better than all of theirs. I had to make a lot of noise for Ron to get this award. He is not pushy. He lets his athletes do his talking for

Roddan, aged 59, has been in coaching half his life, always with Thames Valley Harriers in London, Christie's club. "I was a 50.3sec 440 yards runner and, when my coach had to give up, I took over the group because I was the oldest one." Roddan said. "I was 30 at the time and for the next two years, while I was competing and coaching at the same time, I ran pbs.' Christie, too, expects to get quicker

after 30. Fresh out of his twenties this summer, he suffered a succession of defeats against Leroy Burrell, of the United States, prompting the inevitable question: "Is Christie past his best?" He dashed off his reply in Split, retaining the European title be had won four years earlier in Stutt-

"It's never over until the fat Lady sings," Christie said. And the fat lady, in Christie's mind, will have to sit through a few more of his acts before she is called to perform. "I get annoyed with people who think that, because I am 30, I must be finished. My start can get better and I can get stronger. I have been doing this seriously for only four to five years. "The world record is 9.92sec and I

can run faster than that. My European record is 9.97sec and I am going to go a lot faster than that. Believe me. What title has Burrell got? I had to peak three times this year -Commonwealth [which he won], European indoors [which he won] and European. Leroy won the Good-will Games, but that is not important."

Christie's priority next year, he said, is to win a world championship medal. Next most important is to beat Ben Johnson. "To whip Ben is my No. 2 priority," Christie said.

is to slay the dragon to discourage young sprinters from being impressed by an athlete who has taken drugs. People say I should not race Ben, but he must not be allowed to run and win, win, win. And I can beat him. If George hadn't killed the dragon, the dragon would have killed all the virgins. I am George going out there and Ben is the dragon." Johnson returns to competition in

Hamilton on January 11 after his two-year suspension. Christie has not received an invitation but, provided his winter preparation goes well, would welcome one. "I need to be in that race and to win it," he said. Roddan was waiting to put Christie through his paces. "Ten 150s to-

night," Roddan said as he returned to the track. Christie obliged. He learned long ago that, under Roddan, he cannot go home early. STOCKHOLM: Ben Johnson will compete in an IAAF meeting in

Malmo next August, Bengt Bendeus, a club official, said yesterday (AP reports). Bendeus said he had high hopes of also signing Carl Lewis and Leroy Burrell, to stage the first meeting among the three.

Curran swayed by Procter By IVO TENNANT

KEVIN Curran, whose contract Gloucestershire."

was not renewed by Gloucestershire at the end of the season. yesterday joined Northamptonshire, ahead of five other counties, on a five-year contract. INCIUDING spoke to all the counties who

approached me." Curran said.
"Northamptonshire had shown interest before Mike Procter joined them as manager but it was my relationship with him and Allan [Lamb] which made up my mind.
"Where I but or when I bowl

does not really matter so long as I contribute to the side. My greatest goal in English cricket is to win something, to reach a Lord's final if possible. Northampionshire have a good chance of achieving what I never managed with New Zealand face uphill struggle

NEW Zealand, one down in the

three-match series against Paki-stan after losing the first Test by

an innings and 43 runs at Karachi, have a difficult task if

they are to level terms at the Gaddafi Stadium, where the

They have a pedestrian bowl-

the first Test was unable to cope

with Pakistan's three fast bowlers. Wasim Akram. Waqar

Younis and Aaqib Javed. Paki-stan have named a fourth fast

bowler, Saleem Jaffer, in their 12 for this match and he is likely

to play, replacing the off spin-

spinner, Abdul Oadir,

ner. Tauseef Ahmed, or the leg.

The pitch is newly prepared

and has a green surface. Accord-

second Test starts today.

The considerable interest counties stemmed largely from his achievements last season. He made 1,267 first-class runs. average of 50.68 and took 64 wickets at 30.64 each. He was the first player to reach 1.000 runs and take 50 wickets. Hampshire, having missed out on Curran, are to renew

The son of a former Rhodeefforts to acquire an overseas sian cricketer, he is aged 31. Under EC regulations he is not an overseas player, which is a qualified to play for England in two years time and has not given Tim Boon, the Leicestershire

up hope of doing so.

There has never been any doubt about his ability, yet

From QAMAR AHMED IN LAHORE

renewed. Curran admitted yes-terday that he had clashed with Eddie Barlow, the county's new coach, but said that he had "a lot from within the team. He plans working on the family tobacco farm in Zimbabwe.

fast bowler for next season. when they expect to be without Maleolm Marshall because of the tour by West Indies.

opening batsman, who scored more than 2,000 runs last season, has yet to sign a contract Gloucestershire cricket com- and is considering his future. what I mittee unanimously agreed that Yorkshire are among the coun-with his contract should not be ties who might want him.

TENNIS

Leconte exacts revenge

ANTWERP (AP) - The Frenchman. Henri Leconte, easily de-feated the Yugoslav, Goran Prpic, who had beaten him in three sets in the first round of the Belgian indoor champ-ionship in February, 6-3, 6-4 in the EC championships.

Leconte, who had led

throughout was yesterday due to meet the No. 3 seed, Brad Gilbert, of the United States, in the second round. Jakob Hlasek, of Switzerland beat the Argentinian, Franco Davin, 6-1, 6-2 for a second

round tie against the No. 4 seed, Yugoslav Goran Ivanisevic. Amos Mansdorf, of Israel. won a match against the No. 2 seed. Andres Gomez, in the second round after defeating Tim Mayotte, of the United States, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 in a long and dull match.

The Australian. Pat Cash, battled for two hours and 22 minutes to overcome country man Richard Fromberg, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4. He plays the No. 6 seed. Argenting, in the second round

Other second round matches pit the Australian, Todd Wood-bridge, against Juan Aguillera, of Spain: the Australian, Wally Masur, against the No. 1 seed, Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, and Darren Cahill, of Australia, against the No. 5 seed, Andrei Chesnokov, of the Soviet

Money chase in the Algarve Davies is

From a Special Correspondent in Quinta do LAGO

THE gap between the haves and have-nots in European golf was graphically exposed on the eve of the Portuguese Open in the Algarve yesterday.

Mark McNulty, winner of the Cannes and German opens this season and £425,000 prizemoney after 15 other top 10 finishes, has returned to the scene of his 1986 victory in the expectation of getting within striking distance of the European No. I spot held by lan Woosnam If the consistent Zimbabwe

golfer does win this week's £45,825 title — being defended by Colin Monigomerie, of Scotland — he will close to within £7,000 of the absent Welshman before the showcase Volvo Masters in Spain next week. That boasts a £75,000 winner's cheque and a bonus of £90,000 for the man who ends the year as European No. 1. McNulty, whose 37th birthday coincides with the first round at

Hunt indicates he has not lost his touch

BERNARD Hunt, the former Ryder Cup captain, showed the younger professionals a thing or two yesterday when he part-nered Derwynne Honan, his teaching professional at Foxhills, to a 66, six under par, and a share of the lead at Hillside, Southport, in the Golf Plus PGA fourball champ-ionship (a Special Correspondent writes).

There were five other pairs on 66 at Hillside, while two other former Tour regulars. Nigel Burch and Michael Inglis. both shot a 63 to lead at the easier

Hesketh course.

LEADING SCORES: At Hilliade 86: B Hunt and D Honan Fro Intig. A Carter (Lincoln) and G Stafford (Gansborrought, J Cartes (Lincoln) and G Stafford (Gansborrought, J Cartes (Lincoln) and N Gheetham (Don and Totely); K Stables (Montrese) and A website (Edtrall, S Bradley (Carteric Garrison) and D Outry (Hebriam, D Armor (Tisworth) and P Golding (South-Hers) 87: P Walker and S Rooke (Windomeret: I Rae (Holland Bush) and K Dawdson (Stratticyle) Park, K Jones (Categin and G Tockall (Hallangshre) At Heskette SE N Burch and M Englis (sunstanched), SA C Gales (Ganberne) and C Climes (Tumberry, SS R Caling) and M Englis (sunstanched); J Larreson (Barner) Castel and P Bradley (Billingham); N Brazol (Shanday) Pan), and P Scott (Branday); Pan) and P Scott (Branday); Pan) and P Scott (Branday); Pan) and P Scott (Branday); M Ling (Billingham); N Brazol (Barnsham); C Mount Osward and M Life (Beingham) Demie and W Guy (Buchanan Cashe); Winte (Wattord GR) and R Wattune (Butley

Valderrama, might never get a bead start on the other 14 by better chance of realising his being in Portugal. Bottomley, lifetime ambition.

At the other end of the scale have to clutch at every straw I are those struggling to stay on a circuit which next year will be worth almost £20 million, by finishing in the top 120 of the

merit list and avoiding the trauma of the winter qualifying school in France next month. For Steven Bottomiey, of nament, which also doubles as the Tournament Players' Championship, represents the last chance of survival. Bottomley will be on the first tee at Quinta do Lago shortly after

dawn this morning and is prepared to stay there until the last player in the field of 126 hits his opening drive, in the hope of gaining a last-minute place.

Bottomley's waiting game is necessary because he holds the 120th and last exempt place for

next season, but has been unable to win a place here. Last night he was still 15th reserve, but had a

can because the five players immediately behind me are all playing here and if one of them qualifies I will have to go back to school for the fourth year in a

Bottomley, who leads the 121st man, Neal Briggs, by just £36, threw away £2,000 prizemoney in the recent BMW Open in Munich by missing his thirdround starting time and getting disqualified. "It was a stupid mistake and I was so shattered I went bome and kicked the furniture around for two days."

Robert Lee, the Portuguese champion in 1987, is another facing the guillotine. His twoyear exemption for that victory runs out this week and the Londoner is down in 157th place. He must finish in the top three or also go back to the dreaded school.

British Isles' record is spiced with experience

From John Hennessy in Christchurch The two champions are Goetz

A GLANCE at the records identifies the favouries for this week's women's amateur team championship at Russley here in New Zealand. The United States, having won the biennial Espirito Santo ten times out of 13, have every justification for an overpowering sense of superiority again. Great Britain and Ireland, along with France, are regarded as potential threats, should the Americans fail to live

up to expectations. The US team of Vicki Goetz, Pat Hurst and Karen Noble is seen by one camp follower as an average representation from his country, "nothing special", which is not to say that it will be anything but formidable in

world terms.

Katherine Graham. the US who was second to Thomas at captain. vehemently and Snathaven.

The season's form is bolstered unsurprisingly dissociates ber-self from such a base insinuaare people who do not realise how good they are."

(1989), who was 16 then and is 18 today, and Flurst (1990), who is 21. Noble, another year older, who won her two singles matches in this year's Curtis Cup, was runner-up in the 1988 US amateur.
Mary McKenna, captain of

the Great Britain and Ireland team, is also not lacking in confidence. "I really have no doubt we can win," she said, pointing to a remarkably par-allel record to that of the Americans. She, too, calls upon two champions in Julie Hall (England) and Vicki Thomas (Wales), holders respectively of the matchplay and strokeplay titles at home, and a runner-up

The season's form is boistered by experience in the case of the tion. "It's some team", she British Isles team, since Hall argues, "which can include the and Hourihane have played in last two US amateur cham- the Espirito Santo and Thomas, pions. But I'm delighted there like her two comrades-in-arms. has been blooded in the Curtis

looking for a way From Patricia Davies IN MADRID NICOLA Way, sister of Paul

Way and second reserve for the Woohnark Matchplay Championship which starts at Club de Campo here today, has been called up for duty. Her oppo-nent in the first round is Laura Davies, the most formidable, although not at present the most successful, woman golfer in Way's favour is the fact

that Davies is low on confidence, without a wir. this season and has never moved beyond the second round in this event. Those conditions apply to Way as well; nor does she have victories in the British and United States Opens to boast about, either.
Davies has taken her slump so

Davies has taken her slump so seriously that she has sought advice. Having missed the cut in Japan and the US in successive weeks, she stayed at home last week and spent some time at the range. "Dave Regan looked over me", she said, "and gave me some confidence back, I've got a practice mutine to go u" she."

some confidence back. I've got a practice routine to go to." she added, a trifle vaguely, "and I can't wait to try it out."

Regan. the professional at West Byfleet, has helped Davies in the past. He noticed that she was sliding her hips across too soon, with the result that the ball could be carved anywhere. If Davies has sorted that out and found somewhere to stay (bote) found somewhere to stay (hotel rooms are at a premium, as many as 30 telephone calls

way, as so telephone calls away, as one caddie discovered), way could be in trouble.
Davies and Way are in the bottom half of the draw, not far-from Alison Nicholas, who is seeded to meet Trisk Johnson in the final on Sunday Johnson in the final on Sunday Johnson plays Alicia Dibos, Peru's pro-fessional, in the first round. · LAKE BUENA VISTA Payne Stewart, the local favour-ite, can become a PGA Tour, millionaire and head the overall-prize-money list by pocketing top prize in the Disney World. Golf Classic, which street have Golf Classic, which started here in Florida yesterday (AP)

reports).

Greg Norman, who leads the tour with \$907,977 in official winnings this year, is not

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ing attack and their batting in

Javed Miandad is apprehen-sive about the pitch. "It may

turn sooner than expected and I will make a decision of playing DELHI: West Indies and Sri the fourth seamer or an extra spinner on the morning of the match," he said.

Lanka are likely to play in India as a result of the Sharjah Cup, scheduled for December in the

New Zealand have also named a party of 12. Danny Morrison has a groin strain but is expected to play. It appears New Zealand will play the same leam as in the first Test. Both umpires, Saleem Badar and Athar Zaidi, will be standing in a Test for the first time. NEW ZEALAND (from): M D Crowe (capt).

ing to the groundsman, the Pakistani players practised on it two weeks ago and it is likely to crumble and help the spinners later.

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United Arab Emirates, being cancelled (AFP reports). It is proposed that Sri Lanka should make a short visit next month and West Indies play five limtour of Pakistan on December 12. The itincraries will be finalised at an Indian board

SQUASH RACKETS

Devoy shrugs off concussion

SUSAN Devoy cannot remember the two shots with which she showed all too clearly the stuff of which their world champions are made.

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From COLIN McQUILLAN IN SYDNEY

For Lambourne, who been the revelation of these championships, it was another moment of frustrated excellence. She beat Lisa Opic in the individual quarter-finals 9-7 in the fifth game, but lost to Martine Le Moignan in the semi-finals 10-9 in the fifth.

On yesterday's evidence, she might have become world champion if that last point against Le Moignan had gone the other way and put her in the linal against Devoy. She took the New Zealander

iato areas of unaccustomed panic, fighting back from 0-6 down to lead 9-7, 9-5, fading against the world champion's third and fourth game counterartack but surging again marvellously to hold match points at 8-3, 8-5 and 9-9 in the lifth and final game.

Devoy is a hard woman to push off that last point. She scrambled and fought her way back into the match. She fell badly at 5-8, hurting the side of her head, but gained her own first match ball at 9-8. Then, forfornly pursuing a clinging backhand wall-shot that

brought Lambourne to her third match ball at 9-9. Devoy flung herself sideways across the court slid into the left-hand collapsed into brief unconsciousness. At least two min-utes elapsed before she faced service again, still tottering and grimacing with pain.

Lambourne, her concentra-tion broken by natural concern for her opponent, lost the urgency of her campaign. Devoy cracked home the two winners and went off groggily to have her head examined England, without their injured second-string Le Moignan.

comprehensively defeated Ger-

many to lead pool A yesterday and seem certain to face New

Zealand in Saturday's semi-

RESULTS: Third qualifying round: Peel A: England 3. Germany 0 (L. Ozne bt 5 Schone, 5-2, 9-5, 9-5; S. Homer bt D Grzene, 9-3, 9-1, 9-5; L. Souter bt Atobe 9-2, 9-0, 9-0), Ireland 2. Finland: 1 (R Best bt 1 Mylynamu, 5-9, 9-6, 3-9, 10-8, 9-5, M. Crous feet to N. Taminano, 2-9, 9-3, 9-6, 5-9, 2-9; B. Conway bt M. Singrov, 9-2, 9-7, 6-9, 9-1). Peed 8: Nemerlands 3, Scottand C (N Beumar bt A Bowne, 9-5, 5-0, 9-7; M. Houssma bt S Brown 5-9, 10-3, 9-3, 9-6, H. wan Itoom bt J Sutherland 9-7, 9-5, 10-3), Australia 2. New Zestand 1 Peol C: Sweden 3, Malaysia 0: Canada 3, Switzerland 0. Peol D: United States 3, Papua New Gurress 0; France 3, Spain 0.

REAL TENNIS

Snow turns back clock

JULIAN Snow, the world No. 1 This time conceding a handiamateur player, extracted revenge for his defeat last season by Mark Devine, the Learning ball to an immaculate length of ton assistant professional, when he beat Devine in three exciting sets (Sally Jones writes). The match involved a wager

of several hundred pounds on each side and marked a return to the old-style gaming contest of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The win allowed Snow to recoup much of the £500 stake which he lost last

the floor and exposing the Devine's slight stiffness and lack of balance on the foreband.

The victory will boost his confidence when he represents Britain in the World Cup ama-teur team competition which starts this weekend in Melbourne, Australia.

RESULT: Learnington Challenge Metals: J Snow bt M Devine, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

CYCLO-CROSS

First target for Douce

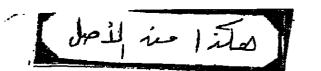
STEVE Douce, with four victories in the series, is seeded No. I for the Smirnoff Challenge international on his favourite course at Harlow on November 4 (Peter Bryan British champion, and the international Rarrie Clarke

The race will be the kapen professional's first domestic international of the season and one, he said yesterday when the line-up was announced, that he would like to win for the fifth that he would like to win for the fifth that was sixth at the large was sixth at the large

Douce, committed to cyclo— Two Great Brit-cross after pulling out of mounteams, will ride.

The race will be the Raleigh national, Barrie Clarke, rofessional's first

Two Great Britain amateur,



Clifton include Phil Cue at full back and Peter Polledri in their

But one of the north-east club's main concerns is to try to attract more spectators through

attract more spectators through their gate, commensurate with their league standing. Around 300 watched the game against the Police and, given their thriving junior section. West believe there should be more and are considering whether to

and are considering whether to

offer free tickets to youngsters, if

they are accompanied by an adult, in the hope of raising

It may be too early in the season to talk of promotion for

West, given the competitive situation developing just below them in the third-division table.

them in the third-division table. Sheffield and Broughton Park have dropped only one league match each and another northern club, Morley — strongly fancied at the start of the season — are just behind, coupled with Exeter on three points.

Bristol, happy to have opened their first-division account for

the season against Saracens last

Saturday to Liverpool St Hel-

Exeter on three points.

McMenemy pleads for future under-21 fixtures to return to the provinces

FA counts cost in the capital

Under-21 European championship qualifying match at White Hart Lane on Tuesday

night, proved ill-founded.
Only 2,146 saw Lawrie McMenemy's team lose 1-0 to run on to, reached the defend-Poland in the first match of their campaign to reach the championship finals in 1992, and the FA is to undertake an immediate review of future venues for such fixtures.

The smallest gate for an under-21 international in England for at least seven years was five times lower than the

think there is a strong case for caught offside too frequently, taking these matches around and with Lee and Dodd the provinces, where people prominent within the English the provinces, where people are delighted at the chance of seeing international football. The lack of atmosphere certainly did not help us."

Sunderland last spring attracted over 15,000 and, providing local players were included, a similar gate would have been drawn to see the under-21 team.

The London public being sated by football is one problem: Tottenham's decision to fix admission prices at a minimum of £5 for standing and £6 for a seat - hardly an inducement to potential spectators - was another.

Poland, who scored the game's only goal four minutes from time. McMenemy must have learnt that power and directness are no substitutes for guile and precision.

"Our passing was not good," he conceded. That was an understatement. England, who deployed the improving David Lee as a sweeper, football school pushed Jason Dodd and Caris four years ago.

THE Football Association's Vinnicombe, the full backs, decision to stage the England forward, but few accurate crosses were dispatched. Likewise, too many of the

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long punts played through the middle, intended for Ian Olney and Mark Robins to ers. Such a strategy rendered the off-the-ball runs of Rodney Wallace virtually irrelevant, and England's best chance of scoring looked to be from a set-piece, or else long-range speculation.

Favouring rather more passes to feet and lingering longer in the midfield, Poland attendance for last month's played a different game, and match against Hungary at The Dell, and McMenemy did not disguise his disappointment.

"It was not my decision to play it in London," he said. "I knocked off the ball too easily, think there is a strong coat for the said of the ball too easily.

rearguard, it was the hosts who dominated. Nevertheless, when the Poles finally allied power to their panache, En-An England B fixture at gland's possession proved worthless.

McMenemy said: "Without saying that results are unimportant, the main objective of the under-21 side is to develop and produce players who will eventually represent their country at senior level." Yet, with the likes of Alan Miller, Dodd and Mark Blake

boasting only a handful of League appearances between them, there is a gulf between the two representative sides, Those who turned up saw and a full programme of B England succumb to a brittle fixtures would surely prove of and a full programme of B more use to Graham Taylor, the England manager.

It will be interesting to note

whether or not John Ebbrell. Robins and Miller progress to full honours. Those three members of Tuesday's under-21 line-up were among the first batch of pupils to graduate from the FA's national football school at Lilleshall



Chasing in vain: Mark Robins, of Manchester United, suffered a frustrating night

Romanian defence humbled Creaney promises United, joined Mechelen in 1987 but has not played this

3-0 defeat at the hands of Bulgaria here yesterday in their European Championship group

Goals from Sirakov, Todorov and Kostadinov, all three from fast counter-attacks, saw the visitors through a rough and tumble match in which four Bulgarians and one Romanian

By the end, the home crowd were booing and whistling a Romanian side which featured most of its World Cup squad, including the midfield player, Beaten by Scotland and now he said.

Bulgaria, Romania are almost certain to miss the boat to weden in 1992. • Feyenoord Rotterdam have agreed to pay an extra \$200,000 Beigum.
(£102,000) to Dynamo BuThe Mc
charest, of Romania, to end a sger, Pi

row over toan Sabau's move to

yesterday.
Sabau, a midfield player, joined Feyenoord after the World Cup but the two clubs have since been in dispute. Last month Saoeck alleged the Romanian authorities had threatened Sabau, adding this was part of a campaign to extort a higher transfer fee.

Snoeck apologised for the Snoeck apologised for the allegations which he said had

resulted from an interpreter's misundenstanding. "The transfer is now a closed book and both sides are very pleased it has been cleared up,"

• The Israeli international forward, Eli Ohana, has joined the Portuguese first division club. Braga, from Mechelen, of

The Mechelen financial manager, Piet Deryckere, said Ohana would play for Braga until the end of the season. we nad a delegation from Braga has the option for a Dynamo here this week and permanent transfer.

Ohana, who has had said the matter in a friendly for the season.

impressive future

● The Napoli captain, Diego Maradona, returned to Italy yesterday two days late from a holiday in his native Argentina after saying he wanted to return home to play for Boca Juniors. outstanding figure in an impressive overall team performance as Scotland Under-21 comfort-Maradona, at Fiumicino air-port, in Rome, said: "No, I won't talk. First I've got to talk to [Napoli president Corrado] Ferlaino."

ably beat Switzerland 4-2. Billy Findlay, of Hibernian, Findla contributed two outstanding Paul I goals and Paddy Connolly, of Dundee United, hit the best of level. Maradona flew home to Buefamily reasons," and had been

under-21 international resulted in a goal, three minutes into a prised by the performances they ventive football. The young Celt, aged 20, who has taken the premier division by storm over the past month, also set up two memorable start to his international career. Switzerland, despite level-

SCOTLAND may be short of senior forwards of international half — following two class, but they may have discovered one of the future at Dunfermline last night. Gerry Creancy, of Celtic, was the contistending figure in an impress. Creaney was not alone in giving Scotland manager, Andy Roxburgh, good cause to feel optimistic about the future.

Findlay, Connolly and captain, Paul Lambert, all showed they have bright futures at the top

the night to round off the scoring, but they could not deflect the spotlight off Creaney. for his young players. Brown, effect the spotlight off Creaney. for his young players. Brown, His first touch in his first right-hand man to Roxburgh, said: "I'm delighted and surare giving.

William Black, the secretary of the SASA, said: "There were "I was worried at the start of fears at district level that the the season that so few of them RCP club might overwhelm existing clubs but given the had experienced in the premier division, but since then they existing cluss but given the figures that we have been provided with, which show that 4,000 children pass through lessons each year, it was thought the city could afford to house another club." have come through, and you can see the progress they are making. All four goals were the result

Minister wants decisions to be sympathetic

By LOUISE TAYLOR stuns Gul

ROBERT Atkins, the Minister for Sport, vesterday released a draft planning policy guidance note, urging local authorities to give sympathetic consideration to development proposals de-USING double-handed shots. Peter Marshall, the British qualifier, stunned Mir Zaman Gul, the fifth-seeded Pakistani, 15-10, 15-8, 15-10 in the Ca-nadian Open squash signed to achieve all-seated championship.

Austin Adarraga, of Spain, provided another first-round upset by beating Bryan Beeson, of Britain, the sixth seed. accommodation at Football League grounds. However, it made it clear that football stadium could not be regarded • The Wolverhampton as an appropriate development within an approved green belt.
The National Playing Fields Association yesterday launched

TENNIS: David Lloyd, the former British Davis Cup player, said yesterday he had obtained £6.675 million equity a scheme to "adopt a field". Accordingly business organ-isations are offered a playing funding for new tennis and fitness centres at Watford, Chigwell and Enfield. EOUESTRIANISM: Douglas Bunn has succeeded General Sir Ceril Blacker as chairman of the

British Show Jumping Associ-ation's international selection

RUGBY UNION

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leeds date

may cost

Sheffield

thousands

By KEITH MACKLIN

GARY Hetherington, the ad-

ministrator and coach of Shef-field Eagles, reacted furiously to the draw for the preliminary round of the Regal Trophy

Halifax in the preliminary round, and the match will take place on November 18, the day

A five-figure gate was expected, plus additional sponsor-ship and a television fee.

open to criticism that draws are bland and predictable with no element of surprise.

SWIMMING

New club

to utilise

raw talent

By Craig Lord

THE Scottish Amateur Swimming Association has overruled a district committee for the first

a district committee for the tirst time in more than 17 years to allow the formation of the RCP Swimming Club in Edinburgh.
Scotland's latest club, which will be based at the Royal Commonwealth Pool, will utilize the talents of some of the

4,000 children who are taught at the district council's swimming

lessons each year.

The club's passage to affiliation has been rough, with the Eastern District twice voting against allowing the club to

form. District committee members feared the group would overwhelm existing clubs in the city, although the district is not obliged to give specific reasons.

obliged to give specific reasons for refusing affiliation to the

However, an SASA executive

committee meeting has decided to overrule the district, welcom-ing the club while stating that

any problems which may arise

club's existence, could be dealt with under SASA law, as was the

case for all swimming clubs in

IN BRIEF

Marshall

Scotland.

Valley stadium.

High-fliers look for glory with one eye on crowd

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

greatly encouraged by their start and they will recognise a couple to the season, will feel even of faces from that game, since better if they have replaced Clifton on Saturday at the top of the third division, after the match between the two clubs at Brierton Lane.

Clifton head the division.

which, he says, has robbed his club of thousands of pounds in gate receipts and potential sponsorship.
Leeds were drawn to play having won their three league games, whereas West Hartlepool dropped a point when they drew with Exeter 18-18 in the first league game of the season. Indeed it was only a penalty goal by Glyn Armstrong, kicked from a metre inside his own when Eagles were due to enter-tain Leeds at their new Don half, that saved the day on that occasion, which makes the failure of their place kickers the more ironic against Metropolitan Police last week.

Hetherington says all three will be scriously affected by the switch to a new date in midtan Police last week.

Though West won 12-8. Armstrong and John Stabler, centre and stand-off half respectively, between them missed eight kicks. In the end the margin proved sufficient, but such wasted opportunities could make the difference against Clifton, in a match which sees Peter Robinson return to West's week, and he says that more care should be taken to ensure that cup draws do not seriously effect important matches in the Stones Bitter championship.

Many influential figures in rugby league would like to see top teams exempted from the preliminary rounds of major Peter Robinson return to West's back row, instead of the injured Hetherington and the British Amateur Rugby League Association (Barla). Sean Cassidy, and Paul Whitelock, fit again after a knee

injury, come in at tight-head However, the chief executive of the Rugby Football League, David Oxley, has argued that this would take away the luck of Seven years ago West lost 16-14 in the John Player Cup quarter-finals to Bristol (sub-row. the draw and lay the League

Penarth willing to sacrifice points

PENARTH may forfeit the chance of League points on offer against Aberavon on Saturday by playing two ineligible New

Zealanders.

They are seeking permission from the Welsh Rugby Union to play the prop, Peter Charlton, and the back row forward. Bruce Murdoch, because of mounting injury problems. The chip her injury problems. The club has 21 of their 45-strong squad out

"We are in an absolutely desperate situation, and we hope the WRU will let us play these boys," the club coach, Rob

prepared to allow us to take the field without specialist props it would be too dangerous.

The rules regarding overseas imports are absurd. As things stand, with certain clubs benefitting from the union's registra-tion ruling, it's a complete joke. Either you can use these players or you cannot."

Penarth are unlikely to play Charlton and Murdoch if the

WRU threaten the club with demotion, though.
"That would be a different ball game," Harris said. "We don't mind forfeiting points but Harris, said. we would certainly have a "We don't mind if we have to rethink if it meant dropping we would certainly have a down a division.

HOCKEY

England's fortunes turn sour after penalty miss

By Sydney Friskin

England XI. Australian Institute...

AN ENGLAND XI, somewhat hastily assembled, failed to consolidate on an early lead and provided the Australian institute of Sport with yet another victory on their tour of Europe at Lilleshall yesterday.

It is typical of the game's vicissitudes that its fortunes can turn on a single incident, as it did yesterday when Lee's pen-alty stroke landed against a post in the fourth minute of the second half. The score should have been 2-2 but it was not long before the Australians increased their lead to 3-1 to put themselves on the road to victory. England made the kind of start they wanted with Roberts

setting up a chance for Pidcock to score in the sixth minute. Within two minutes the Australians retaliated with a goal by

England counter-attacked strongly and Kirkland's shot from their fifth short corner brought Woods into action with

an acrobatic save. The visitors had better luck from their third short corner, which was con-verted by Williams in the 26th minute. He struck again with great force from another short corner in the 48th minute for a

short corner again for the Australians and this time Elmer scored indirectly. Almost immediately Billson scored with a reverse hit for England from a centre by Pidcock, helped along

But any hope of an England revival was set aside with Dawkins following up after Langston had saved from Bodimeade to score the fifth goal for the Australians. ENGLAND XI: A Forshaw (Bourn

ENGLAND XI. A Forshaw (Bournville, sub: M Langston, Walefield); M Kirkland (Slough), P Walls (East Grinstead), N Chaudry (Stourport), J Roberts (Stourport), A Degran (Barford Tigers), R Crutchiey (Neston), J Pidcock (Neston), M Cross (Bromley, sub: A Billiann, Teddington), P Nail (Havam), J Lee (East Grinstead). AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE: L Woods: T Williams, A McDonaid, D King, L Elmer, S Dawkins, L Bodimeade, D Barnerman, I Carter, P Lawls, S Purcell.

Taylor cut from squad

SEAN Rowlands, who replaces Steve Taylor in goal, represents the only change in the Great Britain squad for the Champions Trophy tournament in Melbourne from November 17 to 25.
Bernie Cotton, the team man-

ager, said: "We ought to pat Steve Taylor on the back for his long service and commitment but inevitably the younger and bigger players have to be pre-ferred." The British team, which will

leave London on November 4, will play two matches against Australia, on November 10 and

the fuel into the engine with a

Alain Gautier, sailing the French 60-footer Generali Con-

corde, continues to set the pace.

bucket," he said yesterday.

11, and meet Netherlands on the tournament's opening day. tournament's opening day.
GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD: (England unless stated): S Rowlands (Havant, D Luckes (East Grinstead). D Faulikner (Havant, capt), S Martin (Holywood 87 and N Ire), J Lastett (Teddington). J Potter (Hourslow), Soma Singh (Southgate), R Hall (Havant), J Shaw (Southgate), R Hall (Havant), J Kinkwood (Lisnagarvey and N Ire), R Thompson (Houslow), & Thompson (Old Laughtonians). R Clift (East Grinstead), M Grimbey (Neston). D WRikame

8-1 yesterday (Alix Ramsay writes). Three newcomers to the squad. Bayliss Wright and Robertson, were among the goalscorers.

Great Britainbeat Wellington

YACHTING

Rusty can opener is a headache for Davie

THE biggest headache for Robin has broken, and for the two Davie, leading the Corinthian class in the BOC Challenge, the batteries each day I have to feed single-handed round the world race is a blunt and rusting can opener (Barry Pickthall writes). The British yachtsman, who crossed the equator at noon yesterday 156 miles ahead of his nearest rival, reported: "I am relying almost exclusively on tinned food and now have to prise everything out with a screw-driver."
"I thought Volcano might

catch me in the Doldrums last week, but she too eventually fell back in the calms." Davie said. third place, was dealing with a

Robert Hooke, the Londonbased American banker holding more pressing problem on the 45ft Nithau 4. "The fuel pump

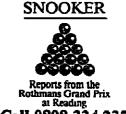
The race begins on December

COTGE, CONTINUES to set the pace.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 15.06 GMT yesterday, with miles to Cape Town): Class 1: 1, General Concorde (A Gauter, Fr) 1.451 miles; 2, Credit Agricole (P Jeantot, Fr) 1.526: 3, Affied Bank (J Martin, SA) 1.620: 4, Groupe Sceta (C Augun, Fr) 1.887: 5, Duracell (M Plant, US) 1.744: 6. Ecureuil PC (I Autsser, Fr) 1.830 Class 2: 1, Project City Kots (J Boye, US) 2.229; 2, Sponsor Wansed (D Michinyle, Aus) 2.600, 3, Servant (Y Dupasquier, Fr) 2.737: 4, New Sport of Igaston (J Had, GB) 2.787: 5. Koden (Y Tada, Jepan) 2.355: 6, Seoage (H Roth, US) 3.169. Connthian class: 1, Global Exposure (R Davie, GB) 3.277: 2, Volcano (P Tractaberry, US) 3.376: 3, Nilhau 4 (R Hooke, US) 3.555: 4, Shutendohiji (M Saito, Japan) 3.657.

26, with preliminary races in the associated Asia Pacific championship from December 14.

 Among those to have signed up for support from the race office for the 1993 Whitbread Round the World Race are Rothmans and Martin Moody. from Southampton, who has formed a syndicate to build a THE *** TIMES **SPORTS SERVICE**



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CHRIS Hughton yesterday million). Cesena officials repleaded for an end to his free transfer nightmare. The Tottenham Hotspur full back, aged 31. is baffled that he has attracted only slight interest from Shef-field United and West Ham United since Terry Venables rewarded his 13 years' loyal service at White Hart Lane with

a free transfer last summer.
"I'll listen to any reasonable offer," he said. "All a club has to do is pick up the phone. I still have plenty to offer and the longer this goes on the more frustrated I'm becoming.

Frankie Bunn, the Oldham Athletic forward, has gone into Athletic forward, has gone into hospital for another knee operation. Bunn, aged 27, twisted the joint in his first owing in six months after overcoming line.

Italian club, Cesena, has signed month. the Brazilian forward, Paulo • Chels the Brazilian forward, Paulo © Chelsea have Kevin Wilson Silas, for L6 billion lire (\$1.4 back in training, a week after

ported yesterday that Silas, a regular member of the Brazilian national team, will transfer from Espanol, of Montevideo, on a loan basis.

The former Crystal Palace and Chelsea midfield player, Jerry Murphy, has returned to this country after two years in Anstralia and had a run-our with Brentford in their home reserve game with Colchester United vesterday afternoon.

 Jonathan Gould, the 22-year-old goalkeeper son of the former Wimbledon manager and much travelled forward, Bobby months after overcoming ligamonth's loan from Walsali, thent damage. It will be his Barber replaces Billy Stewart, fourth knee operation in two years.

• CESENA, Italy (AP) — The arrangement of the company of the com

Cagnerson 2: Newtown 1, Warrings Worksop 2, Bridlington 2: BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Larchin

TUESDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

Rumbelows Cup match with Walsall. Chelsea's manager, Bobby Campbell, is optimistic that the Northern Ireland for-ward will be available for Saturday's League game at home to Nottingham Forest.

 Gary O'Reilly, the Crystal Palace defender who scored in last season's FA Cup Final against Manchester United, could be on the move to cented an offer of £125,000 for the 29-year-old former Tottenham and Brighton player, and now O'Reilly must decide whether he wants to move to Vetch Field.

under orders to report for training on Tuesday to prepare

for a crucial league match against AC Milan, on Sunday.

He was expected to meet

Napoli's general manager Luciano Moggi later vesterday.

Before leaving Maradona,

whose contract with Napoli expires in 1993, said he wanted

to return to Argentina soon to play for Boca Juniors.

 Robert Codner, sent home by the Brighton manager, Barry Lloyd, from the team's hotel before last Saturday's match at West Brom, was put in the reserves at home to Portsmouth st night. The 25-year-old midfield player, rated at £300,000,

FOOTBALL

breaking a knuckle during the carpeted by Lloyd for failing to meet the team's coach. He was sent home after making his own way to the team hotel on Friday

 Reading have sold their midfield player, Keith Knight, to non-League Gloucester City for £5,000. The 21-year-old was signed by Reading from two seasons ago and made 43 eight goals.

facing a minor injury crisis with used to protect hundreds of Paskin, Bennett and Thompson other sites under threat from escaped a club fine after being all sidelined with knee injuries. developers.

Hughton pleads for nightmare to end

Wanderers forward, Andy Murch, faces surgery on his injured back. The Wolves mancondition does not improve field of their choice for as little over the next ten days, the as £5,000. However they will

eltenham Town for £7,000

ager, Graham Turner, said:
"Andy has a bulging disc at the
base of his spine and if the specialists may have to take a adopt rather than buy the site, slice off the disc." Wolves are and the money raised will be

FOR THE RECORD

SCOTTSDALE, Artzonet Moreov's tour-nament: Piret round (US unless stated): W White bit Elumpin, 5-7, 7-6-6-2; E DeLores bit K Rimadi, 6-3, 6-2: M L Deniels bit S Collins, 6-1, 6-2; S Rotter (North) bit K Adams, 6-4, 8-4; P L Herper bit A Streadove (C21, 6-3, 8-2; M Elistrand (Swell bit C Barton (Switz), 6-2, 6-4; A Framer bit S Rehe, 6-1, 6-0; M Werdel bit L MCNell, 5-1, 6-0.

TABLE TENNIS ERENTWOOD: European Women's League: England bit France, 4-3 (Brigish names first): A Holt or A Lefanic, 21-12, 22-21: L. Loress lost to Wang Maoning, 19-21, 21-19, 17-21; A Gordon bit E Coubet, 21-17, 18-21, 21-13; Loress and Holt lost to Wang, and Coribat, 18-21, 15-21: Noti lost to Wang, 10-21, 21-17, 11-21; Gordon bit Lekence, 17-21, 21-12, 21-12; Loress bit Coubet, 21-9, 21-19.

SQUASH RACKETS TORONTO: Canadian Open champlonship: First round: P Marshall (GB) bt Mr Zaman Gol Harthan (GB), 15-9, 15-12, 10-18-18, (Moolle (GB) pt A Screibar (Aus), 15-12, 15-15, 11-15, 15-7, 6-17: A Advance (Sch M B Recence (GB), 15ax A Science (145), 15-12, 16-15, 11-15, 15-17, 15-12, 15-12, A Adamaga (Sp) to B Beason (188), 15-9.9-15, 15-13, 8-15, 15-11; M MacLean (188) 14 A Hill (Aus), 15-12, 15-8, 15-11; C Dittmer (Aus) bi D Meddings (GB), 15-7, 15-12, 15-8, T Nancarrow (Aus) to School Cusser (Pair), 15-8, 15-11, 15-7; G Marrin (Aus) to P Carter (38), 15-12, 16-6, 11-15, 15-6.

RACKET SPORTS

RUGBY UNION SCHOOLS MATCHES: King's, Ey 10, Stambard 3: Nosingham HS 9: Rugby 6; The Leys 0, Buspay's Sportand 7: SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP Durdes 19; Edmourgh 10, Spring 7; Strastiches 3, Heriot Watt 3.

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit Red Wings 3. Chicago Black Hawka 2. New York leannders 4. Winnessy Jass 1: Philadelphia Physrs 5. Pittsburgh Penguens 1: Harriord Whaters 1. Quebec Nordiques 1 (OT); St Louis Glues 5. Edmonton Oliers 2.

CLUB MATCH: Tennis and Rackets Association draw with Jesters, 1-1 (1 and RA names first). Read teacher A Snow and J Burnett bit M Rowan and R Lawrence. 6-4, 6-5; Brig A Myrde and P Wilderson lost to W Melby and B Starpe, 4-5, 4-5; Rackets: P Darrity and D Macdonald lost to P Nicks and A Start, 15-11, 8-15. 14-17, 11-15; S Kwendal and P Masterson bit J Syconds and R Hollington, 15-6, 15-7, 15-7.

Rothmans is favoured THE British yacht, Rothmans, was favoured to be first to finish

this year's Sydney to Hobart race as soon as her entry was confirmed (Bob Ross writes). The maxi, suppered by Lawrie Smith, will have substantially the same crew with which she was fourth in the Whitbread Round the World Race.

Calls cost 33p per min cheap rate.

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LEAGUE Premier dedelors Cacton 0,
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Rochdale Horners have failed to Sign. Phil Blake, the former Warrington and Wigan rugby league utility back, whose contract with South Sydney has

MIDLAND BANK SIXTH FORM AND TER-TRATY COLLEGES CUP: Third reuselt Huddenstellet Hudderstellet New College 2, York 0, Stoke 1, Newcastle 0 Final: Hudders-teld 2, Stoke 0, Reddisch: Softwil 5, Shrowsbury 0; Ludlow 2, Forest of Deen 0, Freek, Softwil 1, Ludlow 2, Fouthamptote Peter Systemords 1, Havent 1 (Symmonde sum 3-2 on peratifies), Yeovit 1, Worthing 1. Final: Symmonds 3, Yeovil 0. **TENNIS**

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Mayotte (US), 6-3, 3-6, 8-3; P. Cash (Aus) bit R. Fromberg (Aus), 7-5, 4-6, 6-4; H. Lecome (Fr) bit G. Pript (Yug), 6-3, 8-4; J. Hassek (Switz) bit F. Davin (Arg), 6-1, 6-2. J. Aguiera (Sp) bit T. Woodbridge (Aus), 4-5, 5-2, 6-4.

FILDERSTADT, Germany: Women's four-manseth First round: 6 Sabatin's (Arg) bit J. Hallers (Rr), 6-4, 6-8; J. Monoma (C2) bit P. Etchament) (Fr), 6-4, 6-8; J. Monoma (C2) bit P. Etchament) (Fr), 6-4, 6-8; J. Monoma (C2) bit P. Etchament) (Fr), 6-4, 6-8; J. Monoma (C2) bit P. Etchament) (Fr), 6-4, 6-8; J. Handon (Rus) bit P. Pfatt (Ser), 2-6, 6-4; 6-4; R. Fairbank (US) bit K. Ossistaux (Ser), 1-5, 6-4, 6-4; R. Hander (Gar), 6-3, 6-4; G. Sabatin's (Austria) bit K. Molagora' (Nath), 5-2, 4-6, 3-4; R. Fairbank (US) bit K. Ossistaux (Ser), 1-5, 6-4, 6-4; R. Hander (Gar), 6-3, 6-1; VIENNA: Man's indoor burnament. First second Standards indoor burnament. First second Standards indoor burnament.

loses his position

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football federation yesterday dismissed Mahmoud el-Gohary, the coach who took the national team to last Turkey in their opening Eurosummer's World Cup finals pean Championship match

for the first time in 56 years. The federation said it had the coach, aged 52, said: "I did not submit a resignation ...

national team defender, Ibra- deciding qualification. him Hassan, 24, for hitting the

World Cup matches. The Greek national team defeated the Egyptians 6-1 in the Athens game. Federation Gohary's downfall.

The federation announcereason."The federation has Gohary's resignation and thanks him for all his efforts during the elimination rounds and the finals of the World manager, told reporters.

Egypt, in a strong group, surprised mamy with a credit- goal was visible; Quinn and able performance in the Townsend were their usual World Cup finals in Italy. It solid selves, playing major was eliminated in the first roles in subduing Turkey, round, but drew with the while the relatively inexperipowerful Netherlands team 1- enced Sheridan and Irwin l and with Ireland (0-0) before played important roles being ousted in a 1-0 defeat by creatively. England.

the federation's 21-member Turkish heads dropped to governing council, the federa- knee level in the second half, governing council, the federa-tion's el-Dib gave no details of el-Gohary's departure, but went on to announce the There was little to suggest that penalty against Hassan.

Gohary challenged the verac- the thought of what Lineker ity of the federation and Bull or Barnes could do to announcement. I did not sub- a slow-turning central defence, mit a resignation, and the giving Charlton something to Egyptian soccer federation's think about over the next council should have had the three weeks. courage to dismiss me," el-Gohary said. "I was doing my Piontek, the Turkish manager,

plated resigning. summer, he was upset over ing away record, which he catcalls and boos from the Cairo stadium stands during a World Cup warm-up match thing to do with the Turkish and resigned. Federation of- mentality, and I think it goes ficials talked him into back to the Ottoman Empire," withdrawing the resignation. he remarked.

El-Gohary also expressed resentment over Cairo news- unlikely to occur to Charlton, paper criticism of what writers or several other English manregarded as flawed strategy in World Cup matches.

The federation was said to pire is an Istanbul music-hall. have been unhappy with the There was soon supporting World Cup performance and evidence for Piontek's belief was shocked by the heavy in an inferiority complex, as a

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From Peter Ball

Republic of Ireland ..

THREE goals by John Aldridge, who thereby doubled his international total in his 36th game, led Ireland to a

here yesterday. With David O'Leary claim accepted his resignation. But ing his own first international goal and Niall Quinn another, the result took them to the top and I never contemplated of group seven and, perhaps more significantly, gave them The federation also sus- a sizeable advantage should pended for six months the goals become a factor in

"It was a terrific start to the referee at a match in Athens European championship," a against Greece on October 10. beaming Jack Charlton re-Hassan, who plays for the Salonika-based Greek club, marked afterwards. "It put a mark on the goal difference PAOK, participated in Egypt's from the very beginning, and that could be worth a point at

Aldridge, whose travails for Ireland have been well sources said the debacle was documented, was almost the main reason behind elequally pleased afterwards. Jack has been under pressure to bring new players in, but he ment on his departure gave no kept faith in me and now hopefully I've repaid it," the accepted Coach Mahmoud el- forward remarked. "I scored one, two, and now three perhaps next time I'll get

Individually, Aldridge was Cup," Mohammed Khalil el- not the only player who could Dib, the federation's general take satisfaction from the performance. O'Leary's delight in his first international

But if the scoreline was Speaking after a meeting of ultimately comprehensive as England should be quaking in In remarks to reporters, el- their boots at this result, with

job honestly. I never contem- had remarked that his side's lack of spirit and conviction The trainer is known as an was his main problem, and the blamed on a Turkish feeling of inferiority. "This has some-

> That sort of explanation is agers who would probably believe that the Ottoman Embooking for Bulent, after

Group seven

seven minutes, suggested that the height of their ambition was a draw

Piontek, however, had pinpointed a lack of speed in Ireland's defence as something his side could exploit, and some early breaks by the speedy Sercan and Hami suggested that a positive approach might have been rewarded as McCarthy and O'Leary betrayed their lack of match practice with shaky defensive work.

Bonner was forced to rush from his goal to hack the ball to safety as Sercan accelerated way from McCarthy, and Hami sent his shot just wide. But after 15 minutes any Turkish optimism was dispelled by an act of selfdestruction.

The Irish hero was Hughton, who had arrived in Dublin on Monday for a presentation and been drafted in to the squad then and was only selected when McGrath withdrew an hour before kick-off. The full back came up to send in a fast low drive which slithered out of Engin's grasp for Aldridge to open his account from two yards.

Ireland's defensive problems were not stilled by that goal and one of the crucial moments of the match arrived just after the half-hour as Sercan was sent free on Bonner. As he went round the goalkeeper he fell and Mr Fredricksson decided that the player had dived. The warning of Irish vulnerability, however, was unavoidable.

Whatever the problems the two Irish centre halves were having defensively, their height made them a potent force in the other penalty area, and after Aldridge had just failed to turn home one McCarthy header, another produced the second goal. McCarthy met Sheridan's free kick, and the ball bounced off a defender to O'Leary, who drove the ball home.

The third goal arrived on the hour as O'Leary sent in Aldridge, and Turkey surrendered meekly. Quinn got the goal he deserved as he met Aldridge's header down with a coruscating volley, and Aldridge claimed the fifth from the penalty spot as his shot was adjudged to have been handled.

PRELAND: P Bonner (Celtic); D India (Manchester Linited), S Stannton (Liverpool), M McCarthy (Milhad), D O'Leary (Arsenal), C Hughton (Tottenhem Hotspur), A Tomisend (Chejsea; sub: K Moran (Blackburn Rovers), R Houghton (Liverpool), N Quinn (Manchester City; sub: A Cascarino, Aston Villa), J Athridos

TUBKEY: Engin (Besiktas); Riza (Besiktas), Tugay (Galatasaray), Kemal (Tratzorspor), Gokhan (Besiktas), Erken (Fenerhahos; sub: Tanju (Galatasaray), Bulent (Galatasaray), Oguz (Fenerhahos), Balatmut (Besiktas). Hend (Iratyonsport)



Two-horse race: McCarthy, of Ireland, contests the ball with Mandirali, of Turkey, in Dublin

From Peter Ball

PAUL McGrath's knees are football. once again undermining the he returned to Birmingham situation. with the Aston Villa physiotherapist. Jim Walker, a few minutes after the game ended.

McGrath's fitness had been in doubt all week, and he had only been named in the team at midday yesterday. But he was clearly reluctant to take any chance with the problem that has seriously hindered the stage.

career of one of the most

long-term future in some and he wasn't happy with it, doubt. Yesterday, McGrath Jack Charlton, the Republic withdrew from the Republic manager, explained. "He was of Ireland team for the match a bit embarrassed. He gets that against Turkey less than an way. He was a little bit hour before the kick-off, and embarrassed over the whole

"I asked him to go out and try them, but he didn't want to. I did put a bit of pressure on him to be honest, because of the situation. I only had 16 players, so I wanted him on the bench at least. But he wasn't happy, so we said OK, "It was a bit difficult for me

McGrath had an outstanding season for Villa under Taylor as they came second in the Football League, and he continued his form in the World Cup finals in Italy.

when he was possibly the Republic's best player, even though he was forced to play out of position. His form for Villa this season has again been outstanding, but he has increasingly been playing in

some pain and how long he

can continue to do so must be

McGrath refused and in- to write him off, because we richly-gifted players in British stead moved to Aston Villa, didn't have another midfield football. where the more sensitive han player available. But he wasn't happy his knees were bothering him duced a ready response he didn't play. That is the promise the managers get when they let players come to Ireland."

It has been an unhappy week for the player, whose late return to the team hotel after a day off in Dublin had caused a frisson of concern on Monday night, McGrath's reputation for poor time-keeping leading to suspicions about his plans. Eighteen months ago, he had had a series of disciplinary problems with Alex Ferguson and Manchester United had offered to pay up his contract if he agreed to retire at that

Egyptian Aldridge brings down an empire Trainer coach coach enquiry

By RICHARD EVANS

DERMOT Browne. a Lambourn tacehorse trainer and former National Hunt jockey, was being questioned last night by South Yorkshire police investigating the doping of two horses at the Doncaster St Leger meeting last month. Browne, 29 on Monday

week, is the son of Irish trainer Liam Browne and was champion amateur National Hunt ockey in this country in the early Eighties. He was later attached to the famous Dickinson stable and rode Ashley House to fifth place in the 1983 Cheltenham Gold Cup when Michael Dickinson saddled the first five home. -He was associated with that fine hurdler Browne' Gazet.e. but turned to training in Lambourn after retiring from the saddle in 1989.

South Yorkshire police travelled to Lambourn yesterday and said that a man had been arrested. A police spokesman said: "A man has been arrested in connection with the interference of race horses at the Doncaster St Leger race meeting on September 13 and 14. He is presently in custody in Doncaster police station where he is being interviewed by officers investigating the case." Detective Chief Inspector

Alan Simpson, who is leading investigating this matter and I am not saying where this arrest was made. He has only been here for an hour and we are not anticipating that he will be charged this evening. A Thames Valley Police spokesman said: "We understand officers from

Doncaster who are handling the inquiry, travelled from Yorkshire to interview a man today at Lambourn and have gone back to Yorkshire." Six officers are being em-

ployed full time investigating the doping of Norwich and Bravefoot at the Doncaster St Leger meeting last month. Both horses were sent off favourite for their races, but ran badly and were subsequently found to have been drugged with Acetyl-promazine (ACP).

ne commoniv able sedative was on Flying Diva at Yarmouth on September 20. Norwich aroused the suspicion of his trainer Barry Hills after the colt had run below form to finish fourth in the Kiveton Park Stakes at Doncaster on September 13.

Twenty four hours later, Bravefoot ran abysmally to finish last of in the Laurent-Perrier Champagne Stakes. The Dancing Brave colt, trained by Dick Hern, drifted from evens to 11-8 despite several large bets, including one of £10,000.

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Flying Diva, also trained by Hills, was friendless in the market at Yarmouth in the three-horse Norfolk Fillies Stakes and finished a wellbeaten third. The trainer had expected the horse to win but Michael Hills, son of the trainer and the horse's jockey. reported that the filly had run

very dead race. The police took over the investigation following preliminary inquiries by the Jockey Club's security department.

Bravefoot has not raced since the incident, but Norwich demonstrated he had suffered no long-term damage by finishing second in a race in France on Sunday.

Browne's estranged wife, Carol, confirmed that police wanted to interview him about the allegations. She said: "He's got nothing to hide. I know him well enough to say that he would never do anything like that. He has no

She added: "I guess the police want to question him because he was at the races at Doncaster, but so were a lot of other trainers. But if he is particularly under suspicion, I would not know why. I l wouldn't know the reason."

in some doubt. Faldo claims first | Yorkshire to debate players with PGA award

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Championship this year. The Player of the Year

award is given to the leading PGA Tour player, based on his tournament wins, official average.

Faido accumulated 110 points, by virtue of securing 30 points each for his wins in the Masters and the Open, and an additional 50 points as a bonus for winning two major championships in the same year. He comfortably finished ahead of Hale Irwin, the US of America, said: "We are Open champion. Greg Norman and Wayne Levi, in spite ionship remains to be played of not being eligible to win points from the other two sections as he is not a member of the US PGA Tour.

"Winning the award is made all the more pleasurable

NICK Faldo has become the from the knowledge that I first non-American golfer to have achieved something that win the coveted PGA of no other non-American has," America Player of the Year Faldo said. "It's come at a nice award, following his victories time, too, because I only in the Masters and the Open resumed practising this week after one month without hitting a ball. Things are going well although I'm taking it

Ben Hogan became in 1948 money standing and scoring the first player to receive the award, since when other winners have included Sam Snead (1949), Arnold Palmer (1960, 1962), Jack Nicklaus (1967, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976), Lee Trevino (1971) and Tom Watson (1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1984).

Andy O'Brien, of the PGA on the 1990 US PGA Tour but mathemetically Nick cannot be overtaken. It is a marvel-lous achievement for him."

McNulty's return, page 38

By MARTIN SEARBY YORKSHIRE County Cricket

Club has taken steps in the debate about whether it should sign an outsider, it was revealed yesterday, and the cricket committee's recommendations will be discussed at next month's meeting of the full committee. Brian Walsh, QC, the club

chairman, gave the im-pression the matter had not been discussed following Tuesday's meeting but vesterday, Tony Vann, a member for Leeds, put the record straight.

"I wrote to the chairman requesting we discuss the overseas issue, but my letter crossed with the agenda going out," Vann said. "It was never my intention

that the general committee should take a decision on Tuesday, but I wanted the cricket committee to meet with Steve Oldham, our manager, and Martyn Moxon, the captain, and report back in November when the full meetviewpoint. This course of

action was agreed on Tuesday. discussion about reducing the size of the committee from an

being former players, along the lines of Lancashire's "I hope the grass-roots membership will make their views known," Vann said. "It is unlikely that any committee would vote itself. out of office, but clearly

something must be done. "This is a vital winter when we must grasp the nettle to arrest a decline which has seen membership drop from 13,700 in 1978 to the current

Among the matters causing concern are the appointmen of a chief executive and commercial manager and a renegotiation of the lease of the Headingley ground to give Yorkshire a genuine opportuing could reject or accept their nity of generating income off the field.

Following Tuesday's meeting, the chairman criticised It will be on the agenda for Yorkshire supporters, accus-November 27, along with a ing them of being fair-weather fans".

unwieldy 23 to a more manmembers worth their salt will ageable 12, with only a quarter want to give our youngsters a chance to prove themselves. but to expect overnight suc-cess is unrealistic." • A memorial service for Sir Leonard Hutton, the former

He added: "Any Yorkshire

Yorkshire president, player and England captain will be held in York Minster at noon on November 16.

The Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt Rev David Sheppard, a former colleague of Sir Leonard's in the England team of the early Fifties, will give the address.

England set out, page 38 Haslam invited

The double world champion, Ron Haslam, will be a guest for the JPS Norton team in the powerbike international at Brands Hatch from October 20

Big Ben tolls the time and at first stroke it is

BEN Johnson, who is less than three months away from his first race since completing a two-year ban for money on your car insurance call: drug-taking, believes that he will return as competitive as ever. "I am very confident about making a successful comeback," he said. "I'm tougher than anyone thinks. I will

> The Canadian, who was stripped of his 100 metres Olympic gold medal and 9.79sec world record which he set in Seoul in September 1988, will appear in competition for the first time in the Hamilton Indoor Games on January 11.

"No one can run under 9.9sec

"Ten flat is in reach but I'm

except me, Johnson, aged 28,

looking to run faster than that. By

DAVID POWELL on a leading coach's assessment of Ben Johnson's approach to returning to the track

the time the outdoor season is finished in 1991, I'll be running faster than ten flat."

Only Leroy Burrell, of the United States, has run faster than 10sec this year. Britain's European champion Linford Christie, recorded 10.02 and Carl Lewis, who became Olympic champion in Johnson's place,

Johnson, whose aspirations are published in an interview in today's Athletics Today, also has high hopes for the 200 metres. In this event, he suggests, one Johnson may have to

give way to another, Michael Johnson, of the United States, is the new sensation of half-lap running, but the Canadian said: "My 200 metres is also still there."

Ben Johnson is interviewed by Mike Hurst, coach to Darren Clark, the Commonwealth 400 metres champion, and his first-hand observations of the athlete's training are therefore worth noting. "The strength which distinguished the Jamaican-born Canadian ... is almost as impressive now as it was on September 24, 1988," Hurst

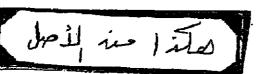
"Unchanged is Big Ben's pro-digious strength, which is the foundation of both his explosive start and the erect posture and

technique which facilitated his exhilarating sprinting

"After blasting out a sequence of short acceleration runs on the synthetic track at the University of Toronto, Johnson headed indoors to the gymnasium . A hush fell over the room as he did a single benchpress using a bar weighted with lookg. It was the biggest load he had lifted since Seoul, a great lift for a man weighing only 78.5kg. "In Seoul, Johnson miscalculated

the conversion from imperial to metric weight and loaded the benchpress bar with a personal best 189kg. Johnson dismisses that level of strength as unnecessary to his pursuit of Lewis's accredited world 100m record of 9.92sec. "I don't want to get back up to 403lb (183kg) in bench press. I just need a few repetitions at 365lb (166kg), three or four, by the time I race indoors in

know in my mind that I haven't lost nothing and that's a big plus. When the mind knows that the body is powerful you can go into a competition knowing the mind wouldn't try to back down and be afraid of what you're running. When my strength levels are up; everything else flows from that. Then I am



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On line to serve you

"When I bench-press 365lb. I

afraid of nobody.""